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Pastor Fran is on holidays, returning to the office November 10.

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Worship for Sunday, November 7, 2021

CLWR Sunday

Sunday Worship Service: In person and live broadcast on-line, begins at 10:30am. The wearing of masks is mandatory; Covid vaccinations and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Offering is collected at the entry to the Sanctuary. The service is taped for later viewing on the Messiah Facebook page and website.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; given them courage and hope in their time of need.



This Week:

- **Sunday School TODAY** at 11:45am on Zoom, right after Worship Service (call the Messiah office or Pastor Fran for the link)
- **No Confirmation today;** Confirmation will resume next Sunday, November 14
- **Thursdays in November: Pastor Fran is leading a bible study on “Spirituality and Trauma”** through Camp Kuriakos. You’re invited to participate via Zoom for either the morning or evening study. Note: times changed when Alberta moved to standard time on November 7. For more information, go to the Camp’s website - [Kuriakos | Adults](#)
Register in advance: **10 am SK** (9am AB).
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsfumuqzoiE9XFrb39r5zDPnRPEKzsv1yb>
Register in advance: **8pm SK** (7pm AB).
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsdeGsrz8vGtf45ZuqVAI-Dx_h-f0RRRFQ

*We will be celebrating **All Saints Sunday** on November 14.
If you like your loved one named during the service,
please call the Messiah office by **Wednesday, November 10 at noon.***

Worship Assistants needed for November: The sign up sheet is in the narthex for the various roles during Sunday morning worship.

DECOLONIZING THEOLOGY: IN THE SEMINARY, IN THE CHURCH, AND BEYOND: A public lecture on what it means to always be a reforming Church. This free presentation by Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesselin, PhD, will be followed by a discussion session on **Friday November 12, 2021** at 7:30pm. Join by Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87891950673>

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae



Remembrance
Day

In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie, in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: to you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#641 "All Are Welcome" vs. 1, 2 & 5

GREETING (based on Ephesians 2:13-22)

Peace to you who are far away and peace to you who are near in the name of Christ Jesus.

Christ is our peace. Through him the dividing wall has been broken down.

Through him we come before God in one Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#844 "Praise to the Lord"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

God of the nations, we give you thanks and praise for the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief over the past 75 years. We give thanks for its early work in collecting food and clothing, in raising funds for war-ravaged Europe and in resettling people from war-torn Germany in new homes and workplaces in Canada. Bless its continuing humanitarian work as it responds to your call to work for justice and peace in crises, disasters and conflicts and as it works with partner organizations to learn from and serve the needs of peoples worldwide as our Lord Jesus Christ commanded and in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 106: 1-3

¹ Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

³ Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:13-14 and James 2:14-17

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a

single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV#671 Refrain to "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9, 14-18

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." ¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, ¹⁵ and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." ¹⁷ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Rev. Dr. Martin Junge, General Secretary, Lutheran World Federation

HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV#765 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

God blesses us through prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, praying God of steadfast love and faithfulness, and responding, **hear our prayer.**

...

All these things and whatever else you see that your people need, grant us all, gracious God for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we give our thanks and praise.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#679 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, **gracious God, we offer you the gifts of ourselves and our living. Receive them and bless their use as we respond to our baptismal calling to work for justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray...**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Remember and rejoice in our baptismal calling. Celebrate the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Persevere in loving and serving our neighbours. May God's blessing be upon us; May Christ's words be alive in our hearts and minds; And may the Spirit's energy propel us ever forward.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, praising God and doing God's will. **Thanks be to God.**

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