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Worship for Sunday, November 14th 2021
All Saints Sunday

Assisting with Worship: Thank you for your assistance with the service.

Sunday Worship Service: In person and live broadcast on-line, begins at 10:30am. Pre-registration is not required, but the wearing of masks is mandatory. Covid vaccinations and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Offering is collected as you enter the Sanctuary. The service is taped for later viewing on the Messiah Facebook page and website.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

For all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

CONDOLENCES:

We would like to express our condolences to the family of Henry Romoren who passed away on October 31, 2021. A funeral will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Friday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m. The family requests that those in attendance be fully vaccinated. Wearing of masks is required. The service will also be available on live-stream through the Messiah Lutheran Church Prince Albert YouTube channel.

On All Saints Sunday we remember those dear ones in our lives and in our congregation whom we have loved and who have died in the faith. Some of their names will be read aloud during the worship service and a candle lit in their memory. And others we will name in our hearts, as we give thanks to God for their presence in our lives.

This Week:

Today: Sunday School at 11:45am, right after Worship Service on Zoom (call Messiah office or Pastor Fran for the link).

Confirmation: Tonight at 7 pm tonight.

Thursday: Bible study has been moved to **Thursdays throughout November**. Pastor Fran will lead a study on "Spirituality and Trauma" through Camp Kuriakos, Sylvan Lake, AB. You're invited to participate in am or pm Nov. 4 – Nov. 25. Contact Camp Kuriakos for registration at 403-764-2702.

Worship Service at 2:30 on Thursday Nov. 18 at Good Shepherd Villas.

Friday: Funeral Service for Henry Romoren at Messiah 10:30am, November 19.

SAVE THE DATE: Youth "House Party" – November 21, from 2-4pm! The info link will be sent out, or please contact Pastor Fran for more information.

We are looking for Worship Assistants for November. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher, or operate power point. Thank you, in advance, for serving in this way!

Messiah Lutheran will be looking after the **Salvation Army Christmas Kettle** at the Coop Grocery store at Cornerstone on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4. Volunteers (1-2 people) are needed for five shifts: 10-12, 12:00-2:00; 2:00-4:00; 4:00-6:00; 6:00-8:00.

To volunteer please contact the church office or sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex.

Vaccination Requirements: Volunteers need to be double vaccinated and will be asked to provide dates of their vaccination to our church office, for the Salvation Army. You may also be asked to show your vaccine documentation to a Salvation Army representative when you are at the Coop. Ask for their identification before providing that information.

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

Delve deeply into anti-racism work with a 40-day time of learning, reflection, and advocacy!

Each day from Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, November 26 (with the exception of Sundays) there will be a new reflection on anti-racism, as well as activities suitable for adults and children. These activities can be done alone, as a family, or in groups.

During the 40 days, there will be different online events where you can gather and engage with the content from that day. Sign up for the newsletter (opens in a new tab) to keep up-to-date with the latest developments! For more information, see <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION:

GATHERING SONG: ELW#424 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" vs. 1, 3 & 4

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Super Heroes in The Church"

SERMON: "Rolling Stones"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#427 "For All Your Saints, O Lord" vs. 1, 3 & 5

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

HYMN: ELW#781 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

PRAYER
God blesses us through prayer

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need, praying hear us, O God and responding, Your mercy is great.

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God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#682 "To God Our Thanks We Give" 2X

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.
(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#423 "Shall We Gather at the River"

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.