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**Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am – 2pm**

**Messiah is a mask-friendly building**

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**Worship for Sunday, April 10, 2022**

Psalm/Passion Sunday

Sacraments of Holy Baptism & Holy Communion

Worship Services begin at 10:30am each Sunday (in-person and livestreamed on the Messiah YouTube channel, and posted on the Messiah website following the service). **The wearing of masks is not required but please respect each individual's choice.** Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well, and make use of Covid testing if necessary.

**March Council Meeting Notes:** In considering the Saskatchewan Synod guidelines, Messiah Council continues to take an approach of care. That said, it is Council's prayer that the congregation will be able to return to pre-Covid worship practices and activities by this September. Current changes include starting Sunday coffee time, Holy Communion, and hot cross buns / coffee between services on Easter Sunday, with plans for a Family Fun Day in conjunction with worship service at Kinasao on June 12. We will continue to share the peace with a hand wave / smile and collect weekly offering at the entrance to the Sanctuary. The Messiah Annual General Meeting will follow the worship service on Sunday, April 24. If you would like to talk about this update or anything else, please contact any member of Council. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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**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; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



- ***We would like to thank Bryan Rindal for his contribution of the Palms!***



We welcome Avery Constance into the family of God through the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit this morning. Congratulations to parents, Aaron and Amy Soloski & family!

### Today:

➤ **Coffee's On!**



before and after the Worship Service.

- **Welcome All Singers!** May Janzen is directing an Easter Choir/ Ensemble! If you are interested in participating, please come to practice **Sunday morning at 9:15am (sharp!)**. Wearing of masks is preferred as we join together and sing to the Lord!
- **Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM** prior to worship, both in person and on Zoom.
- **Kinasao Annual General Meeting, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon @ 3pm.** The meeting will take place both in person, and over Zoom. Our congregation is a member congregation of Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp. Therefore, all Messiah members are eligible to attend as voting members. Please view the Annual Report on the Kinasao website for details.
- **Confirmation @ 7:00pm tonight. No Confirmation or Sunday School** next Sunday due to Easter Break



Easter Sunday flowers – April 17. If you would like to donate flowers in memory or honour of someone, please plan to have them to Messiah by Wednesday, April 13. Contact the Messiah office if you would like your loved one's name added to the Easter Sunday Worship Bulletin.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

\* will be live-streamed

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service** – April 14 @ 7pm \*
- **GOOD FRIDAY Worship Service** – April 15 @ 10:30am \*
- **GOOD FRIDAY Outdoor Way Of The Cross** – April 15 @ 12:30 – 2:00pm  
[Downtown Prince Albert - beginning at City Hall and ending at the Cenotaph]
- **EASTER SUNRISE Worship Service** – April 17 @ 8:00am
  - Coffee And Hot Cross Buns Will Be Served Between Services
- **EASTER Worship Service with Holy Communion** – April 17 @ 10:30 am \*  
[NO Sunday School & NO Confirmation on Easter Sunday]

**Kinasao Women's Retreat:** April 29-May 1 with Pastor Fran on the topic: "Sacred Journeys". Registration Deadline - April 15. Register for either retreat on Kinasao website: <http://www.kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/weekend-retreats>

**CLWR Thank you** to everyone who was able to contribute to the Ukraine Response appeal! An update can be found on the website: <http://www.clwr.org/ukraine>

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

#### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### BLESSING OF PALMS

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

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### PROCESSIONAL SONG: #344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray, **everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. **<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.** <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me. **<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.** <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. **<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.** <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. **<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ACS#928 “Pave the Way with Branches”**

**GOSPEL: Luke 23:1-49**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the twenty-third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**SERMON: “Finding your Passion”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#451 “We Are Baptized”**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*God cleanses us with water and the word*

**PRESENTATION**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

### Renunciation Questions

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **Response: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

#### BAPTISM

*Avery Constance*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,\*and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need, praying Merciful God, and responding, **hear our prayer.**

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Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### PEACE

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

#### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Gracious God, **we give to you what you have first given us: ourselves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. We entrust these gifts to enable the ministry of the church and we give you thanks, O God, for all of your blessings in our lives. We pray this in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING,

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, ELW, p. 207**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: p. 108-109**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

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To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled. **Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION HYMN: ELW#471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"****TABLE BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray, **blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you favour and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Three-Fold Sung Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: ELW#323 "God Loved the World"****DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**