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**The Messiah Office will be closed April 19-22 with the phone and email being monitored daily.
Messiah is a mask-friendly building**

Worship for Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!!
Holy Communion

Thank you to Linda for her creative decorating of our Worship space and to the Men's Group for organizing our simple Easter "breakfast".

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.

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.



Condolences to:

- Pastor Rick, Lynnae Wagner and family at the passing of their wife, mother and grandmother,

Carolyn Johnson on April 6.

- Rhead and Tomtene families, at the passing of **Dwayne Rhead** on April 10.

May God's loving embrace surround and bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

Easter Sunday: Thank you to everyone who donated Easter flowers in memory and in honour of loved ones: Pastor Fran – In loving memory of her grandfathers, **Sulo Koivu** and **Franz Storgard**, and friend **Andrea Grozli**.

**You are invited to join us for:
HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

* will be live-streamed

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service with Foot Washing & Holy Communion** – April 14 @ 7pm *
- **GOOD FRIDAY Worship Service** – April 15 @ 10:30am *
- **GOOD FRIDAY Outdoor Way Of The Cross** – April 15 from 12:30 – 2:00pm
[Downtown Prince Albert - beginning at City Hall and ending at the Cenotaph]
- **EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE Worship Service** – April 17 @ 8:00am
 - Coffee And Hot Cross Buns Will Be Served Between Services
- **EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service with Holy Communion** – April 17 @ 10:30 am *

Note:

- **No Sunday School or Confirmation** today, both resume next Sunday.

This Week:

- **Lectionary Bible Study** resumes on **Wednesday, April 20 at 7pm on Zoom or in person.** We will study the coming week's lectionary texts. All are welcome to join in!
- **Thursday, April 21 at 2:30pm: Worship Service at Good Shepherd Villas**

Next Sunday:

- **Sunday School at 10:00am** both in person and on Zoom.
- **Confirmation at 7pm.**

**Messiah Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Sunday, April 24 immediately following the Worship Service**

Annual Reports – printed copies are available in the Narthex, email,
and the Messiah website under the Annual Reports tab.

NOTE: Are you interested in serving on Messiah Church Council?

Elections will be held at the AGM for this vital role in our congregation.

If you have questions or would like to discuss further,
please contact Wayne Manchur @ 306-961-9998, wmanpoolman@shaw.ca.

Kinasao Women's Retreat: April 29 - May 1 with Pastor Fran on the topic: "Sacred Journeys".
Registration Deadline - April 15. Register: 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: www.clwr.org/ukraine

GATHERING

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#365 “Jesus Christ is Ris’n Today”

THE GREETING AND PRAYER

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. Let us pray, **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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: Acts 10:34-43

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name. A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all. A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. *Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#388 "Be Not Afraid"

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to John in the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. *The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

MESSIAH CHOIR: "Shout for Joy to the Lord"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Faces of Easter"

CHILDREN'S SONG: OSB#60 "He is Lord"

SERMON: "We Have Seen The Lord"**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#380 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"****NICENE CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith. **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world, praying Merciful God and responding, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.*

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We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **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#689 "Praise and Thanksgiving" vs. 1 & 4**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray, Living God, **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING, ELW: p. 144, Setting 3

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn,

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW, p. 144

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. 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, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION

ELW#361 "The Day of Resurrection"

ELW#364 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" vs. 1, 4 & 5

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, **We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#393 "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing!"

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!