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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday (10am – 2pm) **\*Please note the change\***  
Messiah is a mask-friendly building

Worship for Sunday, May 29, 2022  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Service of Word and Prayer

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Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:30am in-person and livestreamed/posted on the Messiah YouTube channel. **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.



A warm welcome to TEEN CHALLENGE who are joining us today to share about their ministries in Saskatchewan.

**A Note from Council:** As announced by Pastor Fran last Sunday, she has resigned her call as Pastor of Messiah, effective June 30, 2022, and accepted the appointment of Incumbent Priest at Emmanuel Anglican Church and the Refinery in Saskatoon. We are thankful for Pastor Fran's ministry over the past three years and will be praying for God's blessings on her new ministry. Updates will be provided as available

**Coming Up: Confirmation Sunday and Holy Communion on June 5**

**This Week: Lectionary Bible Study each Wednesday at 7pm only on Zoom at this time.** All are welcome to join in! Please contact the Messiah office for the link.

**Sunday, June 12 @ 11:00am:** Messiah Worship service will be at Kinasao, followed by a Family Fun Day including archery, boat rides, crafts & games. Please plan on coming out to enjoy the outdoors and all the activities. Available for purchase are Cinnamon Buns & Coffee prior to worship, and BBQ burgers are following the service. **No service will be held at Messiah and there will be no live-stream.**



The Multifaith Saskatchewan AGM will be on **Sunday, May 29 at 3pm**. This meeting is held online to facilitate participation from across the province.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86738531951?pwd=cWNnc2kKJ7cN3cjC-kbrNYyGEAKztsJG.1>

Meeting ID: 867 3853 1951

Passcode: 566734

**Luther Legacy: Luther and Islam**  
A further exploration of the 16th-century Reformer's troubled relationship with non-Christian communities.

Dr. Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, Marymount and Cope State Universities, Northern Virginia Community College  
The Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford International University

6:30 p.m. (ET) Wednesday, June 15, 2022  
Please register at [bit.ly/lutherlegacy2022](http://bit.ly/lutherlegacy2022) for this online event.

Martin Luther University College invites you to an online event exploring the 16th century Reformer's troubled relationship with Islam; **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 pm ET, Wednesday, June 15 (Register at [bit.ly/lutherlegacy2022](http://bit.ly/lutherlegacy2022)).** Speakers include Dr Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, Marymount and Coppin State universities, Northern Virginia Community College; and The Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford International University.

### LCBI High School Presents

Newsies: The Musical

We are thrilled to announce that this year LCBI will be performing Disney's Newsies: The Broadway Musical!

June 16, 17, 18, at 7:30pm with a matinee show on June 19 at 2:30pm.

THEY DELIVERED THE PAPERS, UNTIL THEY MADE THE HEADLINES

LCBI High School Proudly Presents

Disney  
**NEWSIES**  
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Music By Alan Menken      Lyrics By Jack Feldman      Book By Harvey Fierstein

Based on the Disney film written by Bob Toulson and Neil White  
Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions

**June 16 - 18 | 7:30pm & June 19 | 2:30pm**  
LCBI High School Chapel  
Ticket Prices: Adult \$10 | Students \$5  
LCBI Staff/Students Free  
Purchase tickets at the door

Musical is presented through special arrangement with Disney Theatrical Group. All authorized productions of Newsies are subject to review. ©Disney Theatrical Group

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TEMPLE TALK:** Teen Challenge

We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN:** ELW#641 “All Are Welcome” vs. 1, 4 & 5

### THE GREETING

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

### DIALOGUE:

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**A people holy to the Lord our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

**But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** (Deuteronomy 26,11,8)

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** WOV#748 “Bind Us Together”

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray, **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, 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 16:16-34

*Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were

shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

### PSALM 97

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.**

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup>**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>**You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

<sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

### SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

*A reading from Revelation.*

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV, p. 48

### GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to John in the 17th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Never Lost”**

**CHILDREN’S SONG: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

**SERMON: “One in the Spirit”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#826 “Thine the Amen”**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD: Creed and Confession, WOV, p. 49**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**pray in the Holy Spirit.** (*Jude 20*)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Jude 21*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!** (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

*God blesses us through prayer.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation, praying God, in your mercy, and responding, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

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

### **OFFERING HYMN: ELW#670 “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray, God, our Creator,  
**you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, 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**

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with 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#656 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”**

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 Go in peace. Tell what God has done!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**