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Please note that the Messiah office will be closed from July 1 until July 19.
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Worship for Sunday, July 3, 2022
4th Sunday after Pentecost

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; Messiah is a mask-friendly environment.** Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged.

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.



ELCIC National Convention News ...



Countdown to Convention, a weekly newsletter will highlight what's new, what to watch for and how to keep informed. The first and second installments have already been sent to our subscribers' emails. If you didn't receive it and you would like to sign-up, email info@elcic.ca and ask to be added to the list.



Summer camps at Kinasao, the place where faith and fun happen!

Kinasao's full programming is resuming this summer with a full slate of program offerings for children and youth. Please, consider registering your children for these camps or supporting children who may have financial limitations. Kinasao has options for financial help for eligible children and youth. Please contact Kinasao directly at www.kinasao.ca to apply.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ELW#781 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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.

KYRIE (ELW p.203)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW#844 “Praise to the Lord”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life’s journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported. A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹²For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall

rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

²**Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

⁵Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸**Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith." A reading from Galatians.

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule - peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p.205)**GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹³The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁴He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁵See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ¹⁶Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to

you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Rev. Adam Snook – Assistant to the Bishop, Communications, Mission, Congregational Support Eastern Synod

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#693 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vs. 1, 3, 4)

APOSTLES’ 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.

OFFERING HYMN: OSB#187 “Seek Ye First”

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, **blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation, praying Lord, God of grace, and responding, **hear our prayer.**

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God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

PEACE

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

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#574 “Here I am, Lord”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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