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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9am -4pm

Worship for Sunday October 30, 2022
Reformation Sunday

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:30 am in-person and livestreamed/posted on the Messiah YouTube channel. **Wearing of masks is not required but Messiah is a mask-friendly environment for those that choose to wear masks.** Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged. **Water is off within the building, with limited access to washrooms (pails of water are generally available for emergency flushing purposes).** All are welcome to join in pre-service coffee time in the Peace Chapel.

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



Men's Breakfast Group meets this Saturday (October 29) @ 9am at Grainfields.

Messiah Council Update . . .

- Thanks to *Pastor Dan Haugen* who is serving as our interim rostered leader. The Call Committee was installed on October 23 consisting of *Dave Bragg* (Chair), *Lorne Christopherson*, *Harvey Jacobsen*, *Lois Manchur*, *Madison Pettem*, *Shannon Pettem*. The Committee has met with *Bishop Sid Haugen*, beginning their work to identify potential rostered ministers for Messiah.
- Property Management Ministry Team (chair *Wayne Hyde*):
 - Has completed restoration and painting of several window frames and other general maintenance.
 - The repairs to the portion of the roof over the Peace Chapel are complete.
 - Consultation with the insurance company is underway in order to determine the coverage and repair process related to the water main break. Please contact Wayne if you have any questions.
 - Thanks to *Dennis* and *Elaine Serfas* for their care of the flower beds and grounds over the past months.



- After many years of faithful service our Accountant *Garry Reinhardt* has indicated that he would like to retire. **We are looking for someone to provide these services for Messiah; please contact Cheryl (306.961.2967) if you or someone you know would be interested in this position.** Thanks to Garry and for his willingness to provide ongoing support.



- **We need your help in these areas:**
 Do you have children/grand children who are interested in Sunday School? Are you willing to help with a Sunday School program?
 Do you have youth who are interested in Confirmation? We are contacting other congregations regarding a possible partnership for a confirmation program but welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Please contact Lisa at the Messiah office by phone or email, and/or talk to any of our Council members – Merv, Randi, Bill, Jeannette, Ray, Cheryl – with your ideas, questions, comments. We continue in prayer during this time of transition.

Fall Treasures Trade Show – Saturday October 29 @ 10am – 4pm, Calvary United Church.
Admission is \$2.00, Lunch available, raffle table and vendors. For more information contact Tara Phaneuf: tara_phaneuf@hotmail.com



GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: ELW#870 'We Praise You, O God'

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.

KYRIE: ELW#606 'Our Father, We Have Wandered' (vs.1)

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#638 'Blessed Assurance' (vs.1)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you offer what is life giving to the whole world that it might find the things that make for life. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of faithfulness and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:10-18

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who "do not cease to do evil" and would have them "learn to do good" and seek "justice". Indeed, if they repent and "cease to do evil" God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. ¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 32:1-7

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. ¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

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

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to

him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

SERMON: Pastor Dan Haugen

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#517 'Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word'

APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 206)

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's people saying Lord, in your mercy, and responding **hear our prayer.**

Several prayer intercessions are offered...

... Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING SONG: ELW#884 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. May these gifts be used to your honour and glory in service to the world you seek to redeem, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#509 'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**