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

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**Worship for Sunday November 20, 2022**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost; Christ the King**

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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.** Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged. **Due to water main issues, the water has been turned off in the building, with limited access to washrooms (pails of water are available for emergency flushing purposes).** All are welcome to join in pre-service coffee time in the Peace Chapel.

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**Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:**

We pray for comfort and healing for those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



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**For All Messiah Women:** Let's meet for breakfast/brunch at Smitty's Restaurant @ 10am, Saturday November 19, for a visit and to talk about ideas for future gatherings!

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**ADVENT CHOIR**

***For Anyone Interested in singing during Advent; practices will be on Sunday mornings in the Messiah Sanctuary at 9:15 am.***

Please contact May Janzen or Colleen Bowen if you have questions or for further information.



## ***SALVATION ARMY KETTLE***

Messiah has volunteered to manage the Salvation Army Kettle at the Prince Albert Coop Grocery store on Saturday, December 10. If you are interested in volunteering for a two-hour shift, please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the Narthex.



Kinasao is now accepting applications for the position of Business Manager. This is a temporary contract, half time position from December 12, 2022—January 12, 2024. Details and Job posting are available at [www.kinasao.ca](http://www.kinasao.ca) – Job Postings.



## **\*Attention YOUTH:**

### **CLAY Planning and Information**

OPPORTUNITY: <https://claygathering.ca/> CLAY AUG, 2023.  
(Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering).

For some this is a long tradition and we are happy to get it back. For others this is new so check out the 'about' page here: <https://claygathering.ca/whatisclay/>



Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new *Gifts from the Heart* catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world! Copies are available at Messiah, by emailing [clwr@clwr.org](mailto:clwr@clwr.org) or you can shop online at [clwr.org/GFTH](http://clwr.org/GFTH).



What are we waiting for?

EVERY MONDAY DURING ADVENT, the national church leaders of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada will release an ecumenical Advent meditation and conversations reflecting the four Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, and addressing challenges facing the Canadian churches. EVERY THURSDAY DURING ADVENT, listeners are invited to join in a live discussion, via Zoom, with one of the leaders on that week's Advent theme. Attendees to the gathering will be able to ask questions during the online conversation. To receive the meeting link for each event and receive email reminders of each week's upcoming events, visit [Advent2022.ca](http://Advent2022.ca)

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.  
**Amen.**

P. Let us together acknowledge our failings and our sin which holds us back from our calling to honour God and care for the lives we encounter each day.

#### Prayer of Confession:

C. Gracious God, You created this amazing world. Throughout history you have searched for and guided your people. You continually sought ways to instruct us and nurture our lives so that the world over would know your blessing. Through Jesus, and all He has done; you call us to live as your people. We confess that we too struggle and stumble and fail and sometimes with stubborn hearts rebel. So we come again before you and ask for your forgiveness, that all you have done on the cross might daily free us to journey on, and that your Word and Spirit might cause our trust in You to grow, and may we seek to share your blessings with those we live among. To you we humbly pray. Amen.

**Prayer of Absolution:** In I John 1:9 we hear the promise of God “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” So together, as servants of our God and Father; as we have together confessed our sin; with confidence in the promises of God, we can be assured, that “we are forgiven.” So let those balls and chains of regret and guilt which we so often drag through each day be left behind at the foot of the cross of Jesus. And let us now walk into each tomorrow with humility, with joy, and with the freedom to serve God and seek to care for the gifts of life we meet each day. Amen.

#### GATHERING SONG: ELW#855 ‘Crown Him with Many Crowns’

#### GREETING (ELW p. 203)

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)

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!

#### HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, and may we your children honour You; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

**PSALM: 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

**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 23:33-43**

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

**SERMON: Pastor Dan Haugen Guidance for Life in Community Eph 5:21-6:24**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#838 'Beautiful Saviour'**

**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**

United with your saints across time and place, we pray that in everything we might listen, and live to honour God, responding **"receive our prayer."**

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Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING SONG: WOV#732 'Create in Me A Clean Heart'****OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.**

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.

#### **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**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Instrumental Piano**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

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

#### **BLESSING**

The God of peace, who created all things, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: ELW#434 'Jesus Shall Reign'**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**