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

Worship for Sunday January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader: Dave Bragg

Musician: Susan Slind

Worship Assistants: Merv Bender, George Cramer, Jean Meyers, (reader unknown)

Worship Services are 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.

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.

This Week & Coming Up:

- **Wednesday at 7pm Lectionary Online Bible Study** (via Zoom) facilitated by Randi Arnot. We will follow the scriptural readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome to join in at any time, no previous attendance necessary. If you are interested in participating and would like the zoom link emailed to you, please contact (phone/text) Randi at 306.961.4451 or Lisa at the Messiah office at [306-763-7374](tel:306-763-7374) / messiah@sasktel.net
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84936675671?pwd=bExtMHdlOUkxU0dscjJrM1UvSVdVZz09>
- **Saturday, January 21 @ 10am** all Messiah Women are invited to gather (breakfast/brunch) at Smitty's Restaurant, for a visit and to continue our conversation about future activities and gatherings. If you have any questions or are able to attend, please phone or email Lisa at the Messiah Office (306.763.7374 / messiah@sasktel.net) or contact Corrine Amyotte at 306.764.8738. Please come and join us!
- **Thursday, January 26 @ 7:30pm:** join Pastor Dan for an in-person, 'The Sermon on the Mount' Bible Study in the Peace Chapel. The study will take place each Thursday for 4 weeks.
- **Potluck lunch, Sunday, February 5,** following the worship service. All are invited to bring a lunch item and join in a meal and fellowship. Council members will set up for the potluck, and all are welcome to help with cleanup. We rejoice in this opportunity to come together.





Choir continues each week on **Sunday at 9:15am**, meet in the Sanctuary. All are Welcome!
Please contact May Janzen or Colleen Bowen if you have questions or for further information.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from January 18 to January 25, 2023: 8 Days of Online Biblical Reflection

An online Bible study led by a diverse selection of ministers 12:15-1:00 pm daily (Saskatchewan time) except Sunday, January 22 which will be at 3 pm. Please be sure to register using this link - <https://bit.ly/WPCU-2023-Bible-Study> This Bible Study series will also be available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@PrairieCentreforEcumenism>

Presented on Zoom by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches.

- Saturday, January 21 - Pastor Rachel Wallace, Mennonite, Eigenheim
 - Sunday, January 22 (**at 3pm**) - Deacon Harry Lafond, Roman Catholic, Saskatoon
 - Monday, January 23 - Dave Feick, Micah Mission, Saskatoon
 - Tuesday, January 24 - Rev. Keitha Ogbogu, Free Methodist, Calgary
 - Wednesday, January 25 - Rev. Dr. Ali Tote, ELCIC, Saskatoon
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ATTENTION : YOUTH

CLAY GATHERING – AUGUST 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:
<https://claygathering.ca/whatisclay/>

Registration starts in February, so please let us know ASAP!

CLAY is open to youth ages 14 – 19. Please contact Lisa at the Messiah office or Merv Bender if you are interested in learning more about participating in the CLAY gathering in Waterloo, ON.
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GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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: WOV#783 'Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God'

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened until you. Allelu, alleluia. We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

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 p. 203)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin. 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. **Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 27:1, 4-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: David Bragg

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: Matthew 4:12-23

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

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah

might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light
 has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he
 walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into
 the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately
 they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his
 brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat
 and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good
 news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

SERMON: Pastor Nathan Fong, Grace Lutheran Church, Burnaby, BC

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymns for the Family of God ‘Come, all Christians, be committed’

1. **Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;
 Make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
 Come into His courts with gladness, each his sacred vows renew,
 Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.**
2. **Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above;
 To be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love.
 Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and off’rings with you bring.
 In your work, with Him find favor, and with joy His praises sing.**
3. **God’s command to love each other is required of every one;
 Showing mercy to one another mirrors His redemptive plan.
 In compassion He has given of His love that is divine;
 On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace are fully thine.**
4. **Come in praise and adoration, all who in Christ’s name believe;
 Worship Him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.
 For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
 And repeat the gospel story till mankind His name has heard.**

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Leader: Merciful God,

Congregation: **receive our prayer.**

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We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **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.

PEACE

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

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)

Let us pray. **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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.

(sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen**

SENDING SONG: Hymns for the Family of God 'I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go'

1. It may not be on the mountain height or over the stormy sea, It may not be at the battle's front my Lord will have need of me. But if, by a still, small voice he calls to paths that I do not know, I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in thine: I'll go where you want me to go.

Refrain: I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain or plain or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be.

2. Perhaps today there are loving words which Jesus would have me speak; There may be now in the paths of sin some wand'rer whom I should seek. O Savior, if thou wilt be my guide, tho dark and rugged the way, my voice shall echo the message sweet: I'll say what you want me to say.

Refrain: I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain or plain or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be.

3. There's surely somewhere a lowly place in earth's harvest fields so wide where I may labor through life's short day for Jesus, the Crucified. So trusting my all to thy tender care, and knowing thou lovest me, I'll do thy will with a heart sincere: I'll be what you want me to be.

Refrain: I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain or plain or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**