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

Worship for Sunday February 19, 2023
Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany & Holy Communion

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:

- **Lectionary Online Bible Study** (via Zoom) each **Wednesday at 7pm**. We will follow the lectionary Gospel reading each week. All are welcome to join in at any time, no previous attendance necessary. If you are interested in participating, please contact (phone/text) Randi at 306.961.4451 or Lisa at the Messiah office at 306-763-7374/ messiah@sasktel.net. Gospel Lesson **Matthew 4:1-11**.
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84936675671?pwd=bExtMHdlOUkxU0dscjJrM1UvSVdVZz09>

- **Pancake/Sausage Meal and Ash Wednesday Service:**
Our Shrove Tuesday supper is being held on **Ash Wednesday, February 22 @ 5:00 – 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The Men's Group is serving and all are welcome. Cost is **free will offering**. Following the meal is the **Ash Wednesday Service in the Peace Chapel @ 7:00pm**. Please plan on joining us for both in order to fill your body and soul, or come for either the supper or the service.



- **Ladies morning Group - 'Save the Date'** for March 4th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall – Introduction to Yoga and brunch. Details to follow.
- **Women's Bible Study Group (previously Naomi Circle) RESUMES:** We will be going through the "12 Women of the Bible" series beginning on **Tuesday, March 7 @ 7:00PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us and bring a friend.



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



We are looking for **Worship Assistants**. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher, operate powerpoint or assist with communion. Thank you in advance for serving in the body of Christ.



Emergency Appeal - Earthquake in Türkiye and Syria

The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) (ELCIC) joins with our partner [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) (CLWR) in calling for prayers for those affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria and to give generously to support their urgent humanitarian needs. On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the border region, with a second major earthquake hitting Türkiye again just hours later. Aftershocks have been felt across the region since. Key infrastructure, including residential buildings, roads and power grids have been destroyed. Historical landmarks - some that have stood for more than 2,300 years - have also been heavily damaged. Among those affected are millions of refugees and displaced people living near the border of Syria and Türkiye (commonly known as Turkey, but whose traditional name has been recognized by the international community since 2022.)

Individuals and congregations wishing to support relief efforts can donate as follows:

- Make a designated offering for "Türkiye and Syria Earthquake" through any ELCIC congregation
- Call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597 (locally at 204-694-6502) to donate or go online to clwr.org/earthquake
- Send a cheque made payable to CLWR and mailed to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5. Please indicate that you wish to contribute to "Türkiye and Syria Earthquake"

Kinasao was able to take advantage of the beautiful weather we were blessed with in January to forge ahead with renovations. The roof is close to being completed, and inside you can see some wonderful changes! One way to enjoy this winter is planning your next visit to Kinasao! We've planned two cross country skiing events for you to join in on! The [Loppet](#) and the [Biathlon](#) will both take place on March 4. Participation in both events are **free!**



Attention : Youth

CLAY GATHERING – AUGUST 2023



"Our stories and faith journeys are a lot like fire. There's the hard stuff, ashes. There are exciting parts, sparks. There are chaotic times, flames. And there is the quiet and calm, embers. Each of these are holy and vital parts of life. Whatever place you find yourself in, God is right there with you." <https://claygathering.ca/whatisclay/>

Registration starts March 1 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)

Blessed be our Lord and our Savior Jesus, son of God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 so often stray from the instruction you give to guide us in life. 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, so that you might guide us in our journey, 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, is rich in mercy, and has loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By His grace, we are forgiven. The burden of our guilt is left at the cross of Christ. Jesus. Your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts so that we might faithfully live and serve those we live among. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: ELW#631 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

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)

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. 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. 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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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 through the proclamation of His Word and the lives of His people.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 2

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. The word of the Lord. **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: Matthew 17:1-9

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

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I

am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Dan Haugen

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#671 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

APOSTLE'S 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.

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Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

MESSIAH CHOIR

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: 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

Let us pray. **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us also through your Word and Spirit, that we might live out our love for you so that more and more, the world might see even through us, signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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 power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)

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.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Instrumental

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Hymns for the Family of God#621 'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus'

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free
Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.
2. Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion For more than conquerors we are!
Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.
3. His Word shall not fail you, He promised; Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!
Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

DISMISSAL

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