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Worship for Sunday February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

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.



We offer our prayers and condolences to Oystein, the Jacobsen family and friends on the passing of **Marit Jacobsen** on Friday, January 27, 2023. There will be a private family service to celebrate her life.

This Week & Coming Up:

- **Potluck lunch, Sunday, February 5,** following the worship service. All are invited to bring a lunch item (cold finger foods such as sandwiches, vegetables/salads, and desserts) to join in a meal and fellowship. All are welcome to help with cleanup. We rejoice in this opportunity to come together.
- **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 let Lisa at the Church office know at 306-763-7374/ messiah@sasktel.net.
Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 5:21-37**
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84936675671?pwd=bExtMHdlOUkxU0dscjJrM1UvSVdVZz09>
- **In-person Bible Study** with Pastor Dan in the Peace Chapel. Third week of a four week study on **'The Sermon on the Mount'** is **Thursday, February 9 @ 7:30.**



Choir meets weekly 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. **Next choir practice and performance – February 5.**



Rev. Sally Azar was ordained on January 22 as the first Palestinian Christian woman to serve in this role in the Holy Land. Azar's ordination marks an historic milestone for the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land](#), and for all Christians in Palestine. The ordination service was held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Old City Jerusalem. In a congratulatory letter, [World Council of Churches](#) general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay celebrated her ordination. "We rejoice with the Lutheran Church and with the people of the Middle East and of the Holy Land in particular on this important consecration of your spiritual and ecclesial leadership," wrote Pillay. "For us you are a daughter, a sister, but also a mentor, a leader contributing to the life and mission of our churches."



What a beautiful January we have been blessed with! We hope you had a chance to be outside and experience 3 weeks of amazing hoar frost and mild weather. We sure took advantage of it by forging ahead on 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

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.**

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.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: ELW532 'Gather Us In'

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

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. 184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW819 'Come, All You People'

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God’s commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSIAH CHOIR

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

SERMON: Pastor Dan Haugen – “Not the Wisdom of this Age” (based on the 1Corinthians passage)

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW715 ‘Christ, Be Our Light’

APOSTLE’S CREED (ELW p. 189)

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.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW692 ‘We Are an Offering’

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you created this world and continue to sustain it. 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.**

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. 190) 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 (ELW p. 191)

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW677 'This Little Light of Mine'

DISMISSAL

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