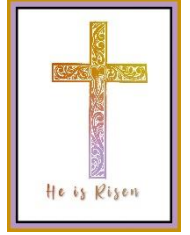


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Worship for Sunday April 23, 2023
Third Sunday after Easter

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.



MESSIAH COUNCIL UPDATE

Call Process: *Pastor John Mayer Dut* has accepted the Messiah letter of call. He is in the process of returning home from South Sudan and will likely come to Messiah at the beginning of June. Please keep Pastor John, his family, and our congregation in your prayers as we go through this time of transition.

Planning Session: Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Dr. Ali Tote lead a congregational planning session on April 15. It was a day of looking forward, learning, laughter, and reflection. Walking in the way of Jesus, we looked UP (relationship with God), IN (relationship with each other), and OUT (relationship with community) as we talked about the mission of our church. Pastor Ali will provide a summary of the discussion outcomes, and further work will take place over the next weeks.

Church Council Members wanted!

Would you like to be a leader and help represent the Church? The Lord is looking for people to step up to the plate to help share the responsibility of representing Messiah. Please consider letting your name stand for Church Council during this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 30. Please inform the Nominating Committee before the AGM by contacting Wayne Manchur at 306-961-9998 or email wmanpoolman@shaw.ca. Thank you for your consideration.



ACTIVITIES & HAPPENINGS – Messiah and Community

Choir practice @ 9:15am each Sunday morning prior to the worship service.

Sunday, April 23 @ 3pm: Kinasao Annual General Meeting (AGM), Trinity Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, in person and over Zoom. The Annual Report and Zoom information are available on the website - kinasao.ca.

Sunday, April 30: Messiah Annual General Meeting following the Worship Service. Please consider volunteering for council.

Saturday, May 6 @ 10am: Messiah Women's Group gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Denise Haugen will provide information about relaxation (stress reliever) techniques and then we'll enjoy coffee/potluck brunch. Join in for conversation and fellowship; friends are welcome.

Sunday, May 7: Messiah Sunday Service – Stephen Ministries Commissioning Service, followed by a Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to bring a lunch item (cold finger foods such as sandwiches, vegetables/salads, and desserts) for food and fellowship, and to help with cleanup.

Sunday, May 7 @ 2pm: 'Watsonairs Spring Concert 'Moving Forward' at St. Mark's Church (581 – 9 Street East). Concert proceeds go to the Rose Garden Hospice furnishings and equipment. Tickets are \$20 and available (phone 306.960.4140, at Canadian Tire, or talk to May Janzen). Request information about Watsonairs' patron program by emailing watsonairs@gmail.com.

Attention Youth and Parents of Messiah:



CLAY 2023 Early Bird Registration - Extended Until April 30

The early bird registration for CLAY is extended until April 30! Home Teams can take advantage of the early registration rate of \$575 per participant if the entire registration process is completed before this date. Home Teams now have a little bit more time to get this fantastic rate. To register, please [click here](#). For more information on CLAY 2023: Ashes & Embers, please visit the [website](#).



If you or your child is at all interested in attending the youth gathering this summer, please contact Lisa Haight at the office 306-763-7374/ cell 306-314-0112 or email messiah@sasktel.net. Time is running out to get registered for the early bird rate or to get planning for this event, so please contact before **April 30th**.

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 HYMN: ELW#533 'Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty' (vs 1,3,5)

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 / HYMN OF PRAISE: OSB#234 'This Is the Day'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 116:1-4, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 ‘Halle, Halle, Hallelujah’

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

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

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we

had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor David Hunter, Peace Lutheran, Vernon, BC

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#380 ‘Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!’ (vs 1,2,5)

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 in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

... [Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**]

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: OSB#187 'Seek Ye First'

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#543 'Go, My Children, with My Blessing'

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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