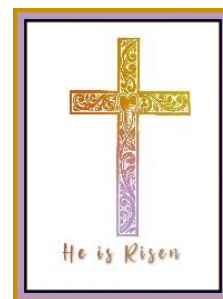


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**Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 12 noon – 3pm**

**Worship for Sunday April 30, 2023**  
**Fourth 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.

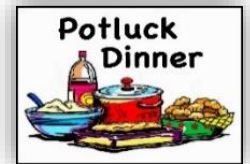
**Church Council Members wanted!** Would you like to be a leader and help represent Messiah? The Lord is looking for people to step up to the plate to help share the responsibility. Please consider letting your name stand for Church Council during this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 30.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



**Angeline & Morris Hesje** and **Wilf Litzenberger** have moved to Saskatoon. On behalf of Messiah congregation, you are invited to sign/provide a message through cards which are available at the Messiah office (open Tuesday - Friday from 12 noon to 3pm) and also at the worship service on Sunday, April 30. If you can't get into the Messiah office or Sunday's worship service, please phone (Lisa 306.763.7374) at the office or respond by email [messiah@sasktel.net](mailto:messiah@sasktel.net) with messages that can be added to the cards for Wilf and/or Morris & Angeline.

## ACTIVITIES & HAPPENINGS – Messiah and Community

- Choir practice @ 9:15am each Sunday morning prior to the worship service. Performing April 30 & May 28
- Sunday, April 30: Messiah Annual General Meeting following the Worship Service.
- Tuesday, May 2 @ 7pm: Ladies Bible Study in the Peace Chapel. Studying “12 Women of the Bible”.
- Wednesday @ 7pm: Lectionary Study beginning May 3 week until June 14. You can meet us in the Peace Chapel or join us by Zoom. Just let Lisa, at the Messiah office, know your preference. Everyone is welcome!
- 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 with Pastor Hugh Farmer, 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; available by phone 306.960.4140, at Canadian Tire, or talk to May Janzen.



“Churches Being a Healing Community for Men” is an opportunity both men and women, to get together and hear from experts what works for churches to heal men. When our men heal, our families and communities heal. Register by going to:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/churches-being-a-healing-community-for-men-tickets-606772401587>

### **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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>**.

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world’s need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** ELW#646 ‘The Peace of the Lord’

#### 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:** ELW#844 ‘Praise to the Lord’

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**MESSIAH CHOIR:** ‘Lord be My Rock’

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23:** Hymns for the Family of God#40 'The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want'

- 1 **The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie.  
In pastures green; he leadth me The quiet waters by.**
- 2 **My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness; E'vn for His own names' sake.**
- 3 **Yes, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill,  
For thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**
- 4 **My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head thou does with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**
- 5 **Goodness and mercy all my life, Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be. Amen.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** 'Alleluia Lord and Saviour' (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: John 10:1-10**

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

**SERMON:** Pastor Peter Lisinski

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW#782 ‘My Shepherd, You Supply My Need’

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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. saying hear us, O God, and responding **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.**

***We share a sign of that peace.***

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING HYMN:** ELW#879 'For the Beauty of the Earth' (vs. 1&5)

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O, God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### SENDING

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

### BLESSING

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. (*sung*) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** ELW#726 'Light Dawns on A Weary World'

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

Following the Service,  
please join us for the

**AGM!**