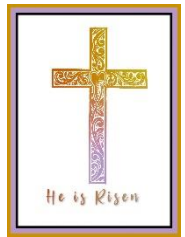


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**The Messiah Office will be closed the week of April 10.
 Phone and email messages will be checked daily.**

Worship for Sunday April 9, 2023
Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day/Baptism

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.



CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING UPDATE

At the meeting on Sunday, April 2, there were 39 Messiah members and 6 friends/guests in attendance. Bishop Sid Haugen and Messiah Call Committee chair David Bragg led the discussions and motion related to a call to ministry for Pastor John Mayer Dut, which was approved. A letter of call will be sent by Bishop Sid to Pastor John who has 30 days to respond to the Call. Please keep Pastor John and our congregation in your prayers as we await the decision.



Thank you to Pastor Dan and Bev: The Messiah family is fortunate to have Pastor Dan as our interim minister over these past months. Pastor Dan's gift of ministry and caring and Bev's support, is a blessing to us all. We are grateful that you are also part of the Messiah community and so we don't say farewell, but instead offer our heartfelt thanks.

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.



Congregational Activities and Happenings:

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



Good Friday, April 7: Worship Service will begin at 10:30am.

Easter Sunday, April 9: The Men's Group will provide an Easter morning breakfast from 9:00 – 9:45am. **Easter Worship Service** will follow at 10:30am.

Saturday, April 15 (10am – 4pm): For a number of years, Council has planned a congregational gathering to discuss Messiah's ministry, moving forward, and treaty land acknowledgement (Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action). Covid put that plan on hold until now. Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Dr. Ali Tote will lead us in these discussions in the Fellowship Hall. Details related to lunch, etc., will be provided prior to the date. We welcome Messiah's members and friends to attend; your input is important and valued; it will be a time to speak and to listen to each other when discussing Messiah's ministry and where God is leading us.

In addition, Pastor Ali will lead the Messiah worship service on April 16.

Sunday, April 30: Messiah Annual General Meeting will follow the Worship Service.

Saturday, May 6: Messiah Women's Group gathering at 10am 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.



Luther College Welcomes Rev. Sarah Dymund as New Chaplain

Rev. Sarah Dymund joins Luther College (University of Regina) as the half-time Interim Chaplain from April 2023 to June 2024. Pastor Sarah is currently serving as the Pastor at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Regina, and will be reducing her role there to half-time in order to also serve at Luther College. She has a Masters of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, and is about to complete her Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. Prior to her call to Regina, Pastor Sarah served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rosthern.

The **Lutheran World Federation (LWF)** will hold its **Thirteenth Assembly** in Poland in September. LWF has published a **Study Guide** to equip participants with material to explore the meaning of the assembly theme, "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope," for the member churches and LWF's work around the world. The Guide is meant to inspire reflection on how the global communion of churches is called and equipped to be a sign of hope in the midst of God's creation, as it proclaims the gospel and participates in God's holistic mission. While the Guide is prepared for participants, the resources can apply to local church settings, and can be downloaded by going to the LWF website:

<https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/lwf-publishes-thirteenth-assembly-study-guide>



GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONG: ELW#365 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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#393 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (vs 1, 5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MESSIAH CHOIR

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Baptismal Service: ELW #781 “Children of the Heavenly Father” (vs. 1-2)

Baptismal Service: ELW p.228 (please join in the hymnal)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

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

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Wow . . . It Is Real

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#389 ‘Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing’ (vs. 1,3,5)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

... Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, 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.**

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#481 “Come to the Table”

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 live lives that honour you in all we do. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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#376 “Thine is the Glory”

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