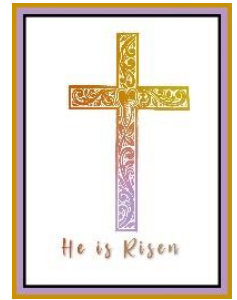


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Worship for Sunday May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

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.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO THE STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING SERVICE AND HELPED US CELEBRATE SUCH A SIGNIFICANT OCCASION. WHEN WE GET A REFERRAL COORDINATOR ESTABLISHED, WE WILL BE ENABLED TO START WORKING WITH POTENTIAL CARE RECEIVERS. MORE INFORMATION TO COME AT A FURTHER DATE.

Council Update:

Council met on May 9. The Executive members are Chairperson *Cheryl Bauer Hyde*; Vice-Chairperson *Jeannette Tomtene*; Secretary *Merv Bender*. New Council members *Corrine Amyotte* (one-year term), *David Bragg* (three-year term), *Joy Weinberger* (one-year term) join *Randi Arnot*, *Cheryl Bauer Hyde*, *Merv Bender*, *Ray McCallum*, and *Jeannette Tomtene*. *Harvey Jacobsen* and *Garry Reinhardt* continue as the financial team. It is expected that the Council installation will take place at a June worship service.

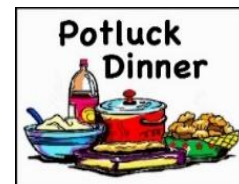
Help Needed: Messiah currently has a vacancy related to the garbage / recycle bins. Every couple of weeks generally on a Wednesday (Area 3, City of Prince Albert schedule), the full bin(s) need to be put on the street by 7:30am on the day of collection, then removed from the street by 12 noon the day after the collection day. About monthly, the same process is required for the recycle bin(s) with collection generally on a Thursday. Note that the bins can be put on the street anytime after 4pm on the day prior to collection. If you are able to help, please contact Wayne at 306.960.1074 (email bauerhyde@gmail.com) or talk to Lisa in the Messiah office.



Happy Mother's Day
 to all you who sacrifice so much!

MESSIAH ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

- **Wednesdays @ 7pm: Lectionary Study** continuing weekly until **June 14**. Meet in the Peace Chapel or join by Zoom. Just let Lisa, Messiah office, know your preference. Everyone is welcome!
- **Men's Breakfast:** Men's Group will be meeting **June 3** in the Peace Chapel at 9am.
- **MLW Gathering:** All women are welcome on **June 3** in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.
- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** Sunday, **June 4** following the service. All are invited to bring a lunch item (cold finger foods such as sandwiches, vegetables/salads, desserts) to join in a meal and fellowship, and all are welcome to help assist with cleanup.



Aurora Art Group: Prince Albert Wildlife Federation is hosting **Spring Show and Sale** on Friday, May 12 from 4– 8pm. Tickets \$15.00 at the door. Raffle, cash bar and catered. See PDF inside this week's email.



“**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. May 13th @ 8AM. Register by going to:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/churches-being-a-healing-community-for-men-tickets-606772401587>

LCBI Graduation Mother's Day Weekend

The **2023 Graduating Class** would like to formally invite you all to celebrate their special weekend with them on May 13th - 14th! **All ceremonies will be live streamed as well.**

“**The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it**” John 1:5 [NIV]

- **Saturday, May 13, 2023 – Grand March 7:30pm with Talent Show to follow**

- **Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Worship Service 10:30am/ Commencement Ceremony 2:30pm**

[Canadian Lutheran History's Remembering Today for the Church of Tomorrow Project](#) invites you to attend **For the Sake of the Gospel Part III webinar series on May 15, 2023, 3:30pm to 5pm EDT**. This webinar will feature Marcus Busch presenting: *Lutheran Immigration Board: A Forerunner of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)*. The Lutheran Immigration Board was established 100 years ago in April 1923. Following Busch's presentation, there will be a 30-minute Q&A, and a Call for Papers on "Where do we see Grace and Gospel in Canadian Lutheran contexts today and how do we proclaim it?" To register for this webinar or to watch previous webinars Part 1 and 2, please go to www.canadianlutheranhistory.ca.

Spring Seeds & Planting: Prince Albert After 5 Connection invites you to join us: **Monday May 15, 7-9PM @ Coronet 3553 2nd Ave. W. for Dinner and a Program \$22.00.** See PDF inside weekly email for details. Reservations Deadline: Thursday, May 11. Contact: Susan Prakash @ 306-764-7021, susanprakash@sasktel.net. Colleen @ 306-961-6925, ca2315@hotmail.com

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: ELW#398 'Holy Spirit, Truth Divine' (vs 1,2,5)

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: ELW#864 'Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven' (vs1,4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed

anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

PSALM: 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p142)

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

Gospel Reading & Sermon: Pastor Jane Gingrich, Hills of Peace Lutheran Church, Kamloops, BC

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#396 “Spirit of Gentleness

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

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.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING: ELW#185 ‘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 to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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 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. Amen. Amen. (sung)**

SENDING SONG: ELW#551 'The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve' (vs 1,3,4)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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