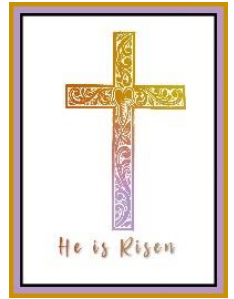


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Worship for Sunday May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion

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.



Council Update:

As determined at the Council meeting on May 9, Executive members elected are Chairperson *Cheryl Bauer Hyde*; Vice-Chairperson *Jeannette Tomtene*; Secretary *Merv Bender*. New Council members *Corrine Amyotte, David Bragg, Joy Weinberger* 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 has a vacancy related to the garbage / recycle bins. Every couple of weeks generally on 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 (or anytime after 4pm on the day prior), 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. 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.

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!
- **Choir** will practice Sunday, **May 28 at 9:30am**, and will sing at the service for the last time until Fall. No practice this week.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Men's Group will be meeting Saturday, **June 3**, in the Peace Chapel at 9am.



- **MLW (Messiah Lutheran Women) Gathering:** Please come for coffee and conversation on Saturday, **June 3** in the Fellowship Hall at **11am**. **Please note the change in time.**
- **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.



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) joins with the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) in lifting up the seventh Sunday of Easter as **Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday**, this year on **May 21**. **Please pray:**
 God of peace, we pray for our partner church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land, and for the Anglican Church of Canada's partner, the Diocese of Jerusalem. Bless their ministry and their work for peace and justice in the region. Help us to remember the living stones, our siblings in Christ, that still live and worship in the land that we call holy. Amen.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO
 CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION
 OF BECOMING STEPHEN MINISTERS!

Linda, Lisa & Randi



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

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#392 'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus'

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 (ELW p. 203)

1. **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**
2. **Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**
3. **Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

1. **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
2. **Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**
3. **Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”
⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.
²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.
⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**
⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**
⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched I through the wilderness,
⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.
¹⁰**Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**
³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (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 17:1-11

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

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Rick

HYMN OF THE DAY: HFG#456 'My Jesus, I Love Thee'

- 1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**
- 2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me. And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**
- 3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**
- 4. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. Amen.**

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.**

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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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
We share a sign of that peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: WOV#732 '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 unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ELW p. 207) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, 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

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

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: ELW#855 'Crown Him with Many Crowns'

DISMISSAL

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