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

Worship for Sunday June 11, 2023
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Worship Services are **Sunday at 10:30am**, in-person and livestreamed,
 on the Messiah YouTube channel (posted for later viewing).

Wearing of masks is not required but Messiah is a mask-friendly environment.

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 ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Coffee time: All are welcome to join for coffee and conversation in the Peace Chapel prior to the worship service at 10:30. Thank you to those who make this happen on a weekly basis.

- **Wednesdays @ 7pm: Lectionary Study** continuing weekly until **June 14**. Meet in the Peace Chapel or join by Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join this life changing study!



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 Thursdays. **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.**



Worship assistants (readers, ushers, power point operators) are needed to help on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or call/email the Messiah office to volunteer! Thank you



CLWR is joining leading Canadian aid agencies in the Humanitarian Coalition in partnering with the Canadian Government to address the climate and conflict crisis in East Africa. From now until June 30th, the Government of Canada will match all donations made to members of the Humanitarian Coalition, up to \$5 million.

Conflict, climate change and hunger are putting lives at risk in countries across East Africa. Severe drought continues to plague Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, where more than 23 million people are without reliable access to food and water. The conflict in Sudan has forced more than 1.4 million people to flee their homes to escape the fighting. This exodus is putting an added strain on neighbouring countries, such as South Sudan, Chad, DR Congo, and Central African Republic. Millions of people are in urgent need of basic necessities to survive. Women, children, and the elderly face the greatest risks.

That is why we are asking you today to help provide emergency assistance. You can donate at clwr.org/eastafrica or by calling **1-800-661-2597** (Mon-Fri 830-400 CST). Please give what you can and pray for East Africa.

May God bless you, Karin Achtelstetter
Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief



UPCOMING OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is a free, overnight event where new and potential students in grades 7-11 come on campus and see what life at LCBI High School is all about. Tour the school. Meet our awesome students and staff. Attend chapel and classes. Experience what campus life is like by spending the night in our dorms! Even if you are planning to attend LCBI as a day student, we encourage you to stay the night so you can get to know your future classmates and see what makes LCBI different from other schools – the family community. Open House is always filled with fun activities, outdoor games, volleyball/basketball games, lots of food and snacks, campfires, beach volleyball, student center table tennis and pool matches, and a sleepover in the dorms!

[Kinaseo Newsletter Spring 2023 – “The Reel”](http://kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/videos-newsletters-social-media) – go to kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/videos-newsletters-social-media to sign up for the e-newsletter or cut and paste.

https://mcusercontent.com/dea47a7fad5eabd5ea177d238/files/f4b7e3b3-5d89-5165-b28f-8b0663f921cb/2023_Newsletter_min.pdf

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: ELW#708 'Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love'

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, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15--6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1}"Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴What shall I do with

you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

PSALM: 50:7-15

⁷Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Saviour; 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: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors

and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." ¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

SERMON: Pastor John

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#617 'We Come to You for Healing, Lord'

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need saying Hear us, O God, and responding **Your mercy is great.**

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Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#689 'Praise and Thanksgiving' (vs 1,4)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, 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#817 'You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore'

DISMISSAL

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



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