

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
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**Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday (11am– 3pm)**

**Worship for Sunday November 12, 2023 @ 10:30am**  
**Twenty – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor John Mayer Dut

Sunday Worship Services are 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.



**TODAY – November 12**

- **10:30am: All Saints Sunday** service with Holy Communion.
- **Coffee Time: before & after service** – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **No Confirmation** – Will continue next Sunday – November 19
- **10:45am: Sunday School** during the service in the Fellowship Hall following the Children’s Message.
- **Messiah Choir:** No Practice this week.

**Sunday, November 12: Pastor John’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination.** *We will acknowledge and celebrate this anniversary with prayer and of course, cake at the Congregational Supper on Saturday evening. Thank you, Pastor John, for your gift of ministry shared with the Messiah family.*

**Coming Up**

- **Weekly Lectionary Studies** are starting up again led by Pastor John. These will occur every Wednesday evening @ 7 PM in person at the Peace Chapel or if you require by zoom. Please feel free to join us as we discuss God’s Word. Time may be changed to suit to those who attend. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86764872610?pwd=ZEw4UUFzY0lNY0N0YXdLQUUrOHhqUT09>
- **Tuesday, November 21: Topical Bible Study** - Will be held by Pastor John in the Peace Chapel @ 7pm once/month on Tuesdays, September thru June. Theme will be: **“The Names of God”**. Everyone is welcome to attend for discussion and enrichment of the Word. Contact Pastor John Dut for more information at 639-384-8745(cell) or 306-763-7374(office).



- **Saturday, November 25.** Let's gather to get in the spirit of the season with the **Christmas at Camp** event: Christmas Market 11am – 4:30pm; Community Supper 5pm; Twinkle Tour 6:30 – 8:30pm.
- **Advent Retreat, December 1-3:** Come on your own or with your family and learn about the Advent season while enjoying Christmas crafts, baking, singing and more! Registration is now open at [kinasao.ca](http://kinasao.ca). Visit [kinasao.ca](http://kinasao.ca) for more details on all these events, or contact [info@kinasao.ca](mailto:info@kinasao.ca)

### On Going Ministries

- **9:15am Sunday: Messiah Choir** practise; contact – May 306-960-4140 or Colleen 306-763-7389.
- **9:45am & following Sunday Service: Coffee Time:** a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **10:45am: Sunday School during service** in the Fellowship Hall following the Children's Message.
- **Confirmation:** Following the Worship Service, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.
- **Men's Ministry:** Last Saturday of the month. Contact Merv for further details (306-960-8346)
- **Women's Ministry:** Monthly gatherings; dates & times to be announced. For information, please call Linda M. (306-941-9982)
- **Bible Studies:**
  - **Women's Bible Study** – First Tuesday of each month @ **7 PM**. Theme is: **"Women of the Bible"**. Contact Corrine for more information at 306-960-2407.
  - **Topical Bible Study** – Third Tuesday of each month @ **7 PM**. Studying the **"Names of God"**. Contact Pastor John Dut at 639-384-8745 (cell) or 306-763-7374 (office).
  - **Lectionary Bible Study** – Every Wednesday @ **7 PM** led by Pastor John on Zoom and in person in the Peace Chapel. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86764872610?pwd=ZEw4UUFzY0lNY0N0YXdLQUUrOHhqUT09>



Dear friends,  
Thank you to everyone who has moved so quickly to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We just received the news that the Government of Canada will be **matching** all gifts made to members of the Humanitarian Coalition, including CLWR—**but only until November 12.**



This matching funding will help us do so much more to provide life-saving aid. If you've already given, thank you, and the match is being applied retroactively so your gift will be matched too. If you haven't given yet, please consider giving generously to respond to this emergency appeal to support our partners. You can give by visiting [clwr.org/gaza](http://clwr.org/gaza) or by calling **1-800-661-2597** (Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm CST). By giving today, you'll make sure your gift—and your impact—are doubled.

Thank you for your partnership and for your compassion, and for joining in prayers for peace. May God bless you, Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

We are often looking for **Worship Assistants**. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher, or operate power point. Thank you, in advance, for serving in this way

## GATHERING

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

***Introduction:** Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. Amen.

**Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW#441 'Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand'**

**GREETING..... (ELW P#. 203)**

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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## WORD

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

**FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24**

*In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

#### **PSALM 70:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise

replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

**SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#244 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

**APOSTLE'S CREED (ELW P#. 206)**

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 THE PEOPLE**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, saying: *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

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We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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 peace.*

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING HYMN: OSB#187 "Seek Ye First" (vs 1, 2)**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

## **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. *(sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.*

### **SENDING SONG: ELW#439 “Soon and Very Soon”**

### **DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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