

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

**Worship for Sunday November 19, 2023 @ 10:30am**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost w/ Holy Communion**

**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: Sunday Service with communion**
- **Coffee Time: before & after service** – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **Confirmation:** after service in the Peace Chapel.
- **10:45am: Sunday School** during the service in the Fellowship Hall following the Children's Message.
- **Messiah Choir:** No Practice this week but will be continued **November 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**Coming Up**

- **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).
- **Wednesday, November 22: Lectionary Bible Study @ 7:00 PM** – Details on next page.



- **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). In person at Messiah and on **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88128785945?pwd=REFIbzdkaVdMUjduS1lqODItckU4Zz09>
  - **Lectionary Bible Study** – Every Wednesday @ **7 PM** led by Pastor John. Available **in person** in the Peace Chapel and on **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81198671375?pwd=cVJtTVcyaIVDTzhMMUhhNRGIiIRadz09>

**Canadian Lutheran World Relief's (CLWR) Gifts from the Heart** catalogue is available now! Bring a smile to your loved one this Christmas season with a meaningful gift that shares hope with someone in need. New gifts in this year's catalogue include school meals in Nicaragua and clean water at women's centres. Watch your mailboxes and inboxes for your copy, or visit [clwr.org/GFTH](http://clwr.org/GFTH)



### Ministry Means Everybody: A webinar on the ministry of all the baptized

All are welcome to join this webinar on the baptismal ministry of all people. How would the church be renewed by a vision of the whole people of God engaged in ministry? How would an understanding of baptismal vocation transform our churches and ourselves?

**Presenter: Rev. Dr. Iain Luke, Principal of the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad; Thursday, November 23, 3pm on Zoom. Please register at** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdOyspz8tE9UboDvDMo4oCPDCKn7pnNgS>

*This free 1-hour online webinar is offered in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Ecumenical Stewardship Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.*

**Racial Justice Workshops:** Carmen Ramirez (she/her), ELCIC National Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will hold two workshops on **Thursday, November 30**. These workshops are intended to be taken together at no charge to ELCIC members. Sign up early as registration is limited.



**Workshop 1; 10:30 am – 1:00pm (SK):** Based on awareness, this workshop will cover topics such as common language, self-identity, history of racism and resistance in Canada.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduuurTluGddDhG91jL6r3ld-dQdUIPAZ#/registration>

**Workshop 2; 2:00 – 4:30pm (SK):** Based on knowledge and will cover terminology, the doctrine of discovery, markers of white supremacy culture and videos of white privilege.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlVdeGqqjMjE9QhMSEAQwJtqA9WUeHznHdc#/registration>

**WATSONAIRS CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL – Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.** Come one and all for an enjoyable evening of entertainment with special guest artists from the community along with the Watsonairs Choir. Taking place at Sacred Heart Cathedral - 1401 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W., Prince Albert. Free will offering with proceeds going to 'Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Fund'.

## GATHERING

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

### Introduction

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

## 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#890 'Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory'

### 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 AND HYMN OF PRAISE (Tune: This Land is Your Land)

1. Lord God have mercy, as King we hail you  
Lord Christ have mercy, as King we hail you  
Lord God have mercy, as King we hail you  
Lord God, have mercy on your world.
2. To God shout, "Glory!" from highest heaven,  
On earth cry, "Peace now!" Peace God has given.  
For now a Savior was born to free us,  
Lord God, have mercy on your world.
3. Lord, now we praise you and magnify you,  
We shout to cheer you, and glorify you,  
You are our Father, King, out of sight, God,  
Lord God, have mercy on your world.
4. Son of the Father, you died to save us,  
You went before us to reign above us,  
You are our King now, King out of sight now,  
Lord, Christ, please listen to our cry!
5. You are unique Lord, King without peer, Lord,  
And with the Spirit, you're working here, Lord;  
Our King in glory, King out of sight, Lord,  
Lord God, have mercy on your world.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### WORD

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

#### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7-16

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who dress themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish all who leap over the threshold, who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>On that day, says the LORD, a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>The inhabitants of the Mortar wail, for all the traders have perished; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 90:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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: Matthew 25:14-30**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut – “*Why are we burying our Talents?*”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#707 ‘Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us’**

**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**

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.**

**PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING HYMN: LBW#410 ‘We Give Thee but Thine Own’**

1. We give thee but thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. And we believe thy word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate’er we do for thine, O Lord, We do it unto thee.

## 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 feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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 (ELWp.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

**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:** There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

**Prayer after Communion:** Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

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#327 'Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow'

## DISMISSAL

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