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Worship for Sunday November 26, 2023 @ 10:30am
CHRIST THE KING - 26th 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 26

- **10:30am: Sunday Service with communion**
- **Coffee Time: before & after service** – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **10:45am: Sunday School** during the service in the Fellowship Hall following the Children’s Message.
- **Messiah Choir: Practice today @ 9:15am**

Coming Up

- **Men’s Breakfast, November 25: meet @ 9:00am** in the Peace Chapel
- **Wednesday, November 29: Lectionary Bible Study @ 7:00pm** – 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.



- Messiah is assisting with the **Salvation Army Kettle at the Lakeland Co-op grocery store** on **Saturday, December 2**. If you are able to volunteer for the 4:00 – 6:00pm spot, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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, 1st & 3rd 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 in the Peace Chapel @ **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**”; in person in the Peace Chapel and on **Zoom link**:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88128785945?pwd=REFIbzdkaVdMUjduS1lqODItckU4Zz09>
 - **Lectionary Bible Study** – Every Wednesday @ **7 PM** led by Pastor John; **in person** in the Peace Chapel and on **Zoom link**:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81198671375?pwd=cVJtTVcyaVDTzhMMUhhNRGIiTIRadz09>

Messiah Council Update

At our meeting on November 14, Council dealt with the following matters and information.

→ Received **Ray McCallum’s resignation** with regret and thanks to Ray.

→ Reviewed Pastor John’s report and noted that **confirmation classes** are being held following worship services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, the **weekly lectionary bible study**, the **monthly topical ‘Names of God’ bible study**, and the **monthly services at seniors’ residences** – Good Shepherd, Points West and Mont. St Joseph. Thanks to May Janzen and the Livingstone family for leading Sunday School. Pastor John also raised awareness regarding a refugee family currently living in Egypt.

→ Discussed the Kairos blanket exercise (several were available in the area in conjunction with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation), and the congregation’s planning which may link with a TRC recommendation in the coming year.

Advent/Christmas Services and activities (more information to follow in future bulletins):

- **Men’s Breakfast** – November 25
- **‘Hanging of the Green’s’ & Holy Communion Service** – December 3
- **Women’s Bible Study ‘Women of the Bible’**– December 5
- **‘Blue Christmas’ Service & Potluck Lunch** – December 10
- **Messiah Women’s Christmas Gathering** – December 12
- **Foodbank Sunday & Holy Communion** – December 17
- **‘Christmas Eve’ Candlelight Service** – December 24 at 5pm (no morning worship service)
- **New Year’s Eve Service** – December 31 @ 10:30am

Advent Caring Ministry (more information to follow):

- **Mitten/Scarf (box) tree**
- **School Christmas hampers**
- **Foodbank donations**
- **Memorial Tree**

Stewardship / Giving: The Messiah community believes in stewardship to continue our ministry. **Volunteers** for worship, property maintenance, education and caring ministry are always welcome. Your **financial contributions** are needed to pay the bills, and we ask for your prayerful consideration with thanks for the faithful donations received throughout the year. **Donations can be made through the Sunday collection plate, pre-authorized transfers (forms available from the Messiah office), and e-transfer to messiah@sasktel.net.**

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, December 5. Please contact any Council member and Pastor John if you have any questions or concerns – **Corrine Amyotte, Randi Arnot, Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Dave Bragg, Merv Bender, Jeannette Tomtene, and Joy Weinberger.**

Women of Messiah - Christmas gathering on Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm in the Peace Chapel. To enjoy a time of fellowship, refreshments (bring a Christmas goodie to share), **and Christmas carols, please RSVP by Friday, December 8, to the Messiah office [306-763-7374 or messiah@sasktel.net]** so we have a general idea of how many people to expect. *But if you forget to RSVP, come anyway!*

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



Celebrating Seniors Volunteer Awards 2023



On October 1, 2023, the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism celebrated older adults from across the province who have contributed to making their communities stronger, safer, and healthier. **RICK RONNING** was honoured with the Community Leadership (Rural) award. 'Volunteerism enhances his community in many ways. He writes, directs and performs in local dramatic endeavours, in both the high school and community. He has been active as a coach for many sports, including coach for Track and Field in Prince Albert. He has coached many athletes to provincial, national, and North American championships. He worked with others to convert the local curling and skating rinks from natural ice to artificial ice, making them more reliably accessible. He is, indeed, a pillar of the community, and his community greatly appreciates all that he does.'

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/j/84451234567>
- 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/j/98765432109>

WATSONAIRS CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL – Thursday, December 7th @ 7pm. An enjoyable evening of entertainment together with the Watsonair Choir and special guest artists from the community, at Sacred Heart Cathedral - 1401 4th Avenue West. 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:

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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 SONG: ELW#855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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.184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

***For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

***That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

***For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

***For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.***

HYMN OF PRAISE..... (ELW p.185)

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1. **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
2. **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
3. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection," it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p.188)

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut – "We will be all gathered before the King"

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW#720 "We are Called"**

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. **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.** *We share a sign of that peace.*

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#695 "As Saints of Old"

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.**

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#430 "Rejoice, for Christ is King!"

DISMISSAL

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

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