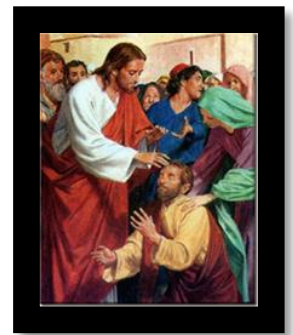


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**Worship for Sunday, January 28, 2024 @ 10:30am**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor John Mayer Dut

Sunday Worship Services are at **10:30am**,  
 and are also livestreamed and posted on the Messiah YouTube channel.  
**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 – January 28**

- **Coffee Time:** before and after service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **10:30am: Sunday Service; 10:45am: Sunday School** in the Fellowship Hall following the Children’s Message
- **Note:** Choir Practice is cancelled until further notice.

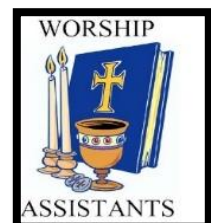
**Coming Up**

- ❖ **Lectionary Study** – Wednesday, January 31 (weekly until the end of May) @ 7pm
- ❖ **Messiah Lutheran Women ‘Women of the Bible’ Study** – Tuesday, February 6 (monthly)
- ❖ **SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING:** February 9-11 ([kinasao.ca](http://kinasao.ca) – weekend retreats; **registration deadline January 26**)
- ❖ **Coffee’s On!:** Tuesdays, February 13 and February 27, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **Ash Wednesday; Wednesday, February 14:** Pancake Supper 5 – 6:15pm; Service at 7pm.



**Coffee’s On!** (Yeah, yeah... we know, it’s about time!!) And You are All invited!! **Tuesdays, February 13 and February 27, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.** And each following month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. *Come one and all; see your friends, bring your friends, meet new friends.* Chat, Visit or just Shoot the Breeze, but **Come Cause the Coffee is ON!!** See you on **Tuesday, February 13** and looking forward to it !!!

We are always looking for **Worship Assistants**. The February sign up sheet is 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 your acts of service.



## On Going Ministries

- **9:45am before & 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 at 12:00pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.  
**In person** in Peace Chapel or on **Zoom link for first Sunday:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171916901?pwd=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDV0UEx4Zz09>  
**Zoom link for the third Sunday:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84918291990?pwd=c2dOTUwvQTIIOTUwY2xsNVBrSUh1UT09>
- **Men's Ministry:** *Last Saturday* of the month. Contact Merv (306-960-8346)
- **Women's Ministry:** Dates & times to be announced. Contact Corrine (306-960-2407) or Linda M. (306-941-9982)
- **Bible Studies:**  
**Women's Bible Study** – *First Tuesday* of each month (Peace Chapel) @ **7pm**  
Theme is: "**Women of the Bible**". Contact Corrine for more information at 306-960-2407.  
**Topical Bible Study** – *Third Tuesday* of each month @ **7pm** Studying the "**Names of God**"; in person (Peace Chapel) and on **Zoom link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88128785945?pwd=REFIbzdkaVdMUjduS1IqODItckU4Zz09>  
**Lectionary Bible Study** – *Every Wednesday* @ **7pm** led by Pastor John; in person (Peace Chapel) and on **Zoom link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81198671375?pwd=cVJtTVcyaIVDTzhMMUhhNRGltIRadz09>
- **Coffee's On:** **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month from 10-11am** ... Fellowship Hall
- **Senior Worship Services** (contact Pastor John): **Mont St. Joseph Home:** First Wednesday of each month;  
**Points West Living, Prince Albert:** First Thursday of each month @ 3:30pm;  
**Good Shepherd Villas:** Second Tuesday of each month @ 3pm



Check out the Kinasao website (kinasao.ca) for information regarding **Weekend Retreats** (youth, marriage, men, women), **2024 Summer programs** (kids, youth, adult, family), **Summer Staff Applications, Campground / Facility Rentals ... and more !!!**

The **Stair Climb Challenge** enhances the quality of lives of our residents by providing much needed equipment, renovations, and improvements. This year, funds raised will be used to purchase Obie Projectors for our 11 Group Homes that serve individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. Technology like this enables our Team Members to continue providing the highest quality of care and programming to enrich the lives of our residents.

Join the **LutherCare Foundation at Luther Tower on February 9, at 11am**, and Climb for a Cause! Enjoy the positives of participating in the Stair Climb Challenge and accomplishing your resolutions like team building through a fun event, a little friendly competition, feeling the energy of supporting a local charity all while impacting individuals in a meaningful way.

To take the Challenge please **RSVP by Thursday, February 1**, and make a difference by entering a team, becoming a sponsor, or stepping up as a volunteer.



### 10th Annual Stair Climb Challenge

Register your team  
call 306-649-6364 or  
email: [foundation@luthercare.com](mailto:foundation@luthercare.com)  
Space is limited!!!



LCBI HIGH SCHOOL

## Prayer Requests

- Prayer of thanks for a successful girls home tournament
- Pray for the Mexico Mission Team during their fundraising efforts
- Pray for the renovations of the first floor of Old Main
- Pray for any students and families considering joining LCBI for second semester

## **Messiah Council Update: January 16, 2024**

### **Pastor John's report (December 6, 2023-January 16, 2024) recap:**

**Genesis 1:1-5** - <sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning the first day.

**The Armor of God** - Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:10-19

**Worship Services:** December 10 'Blue Christmas Sunday'; December 17 'Third Sunday of Advent'; December 24 'Fourth Sunday of Advent' Christmas; December 31 'First Sunday of Christmas'; January 7 and 14, First and Second Sundays after Epiphany:

**Pastoral Activities:** Bible study leadership, visits and phone calls to Messiah congregation (what has been made perfect, what is lacking), worship services at seniors' residences (Good Shepherd, Points West, Mont St. Joseph), baptism on December 29, confirmation classes, Stephen Ministries (Bridge Leader's Training Course / Leadership training).

### **Facility use approval:**

- Music Festival (Piano - February 26 – 28, March 3; Choir & Voice - February 29 – March 3 and 8; Instrumental Discipline - March 4, 5, 22.
- Watsonairs (May 4 – 5).

### **Lent / Easter services and activities:**

- Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm (pancake supper prior to service).
- Lenten Services at Calvary United (Thursdays February 15 – March 21). Messiah will assist on February 22 (sign up for sandwiches and soup for that day).
- Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7pm; Good Friday at 10:30am; Easter Sunday Easter - Sunrise service 8am and Holy Communion 10:30am.

**Coffee's On** beginning **February 13**: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 10 – 11 am (Fellowship Hall)

**Messiah Lutheran Women**: Will support Tuesday morning coffee and fellowship. Mittens and scarves collected during Advent will be taken to Riverside school.

**Men's Group**: meet at the end of January (will plan and provide Ash Wednesday pancake supper and Easter Sunday breakfast).

**Homeless & Cold**: A congregational member raised the need for support for help and support of the homeless especially on weekends. Two programs that welcome support are:

1. **YWCA Stepping Stones Shelter**: Hygiene products for men and women such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste; Clothing such as underwear, socks, mittens, gloves, scarves, toques, and thermal underwear/base layers for men and women, women's bras; Household items such as pillowcases, towels and blankets, and Donations of Food. Drop off at HUB Insurance, 499 15th Street East (Monday to Friday 8am-5:30pm; Saturday 9am-4pm) or directly to the Shelter at 950 Exhibition Drive (24/7).
2. **Reaching Out** (Began August 2020 with a few concerned individuals for our homeless and vulnerable people. We hand out lunches and clothing, hygiene packs and blankets on Sunday afternoons – the riverbank in the summer and on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at St. Alban's Anglican Church in the winter. Meeting those who need a little support where they are.): contact Roberta Krider (306.763.2047 landline, leave message) if you would like to volunteer your time, or donate financially or food/clothing/other items.

**Telemiracle Helping Hands**: joint with SK Synod and LutherCare Communities.

**Thank you**: to our caretaker Kari Waldner for the Christmas card and box of chocolates.

**Upcoming and ongoing**:

**Council** (next meeting date): Tuesday, February 27

**Potluck Lunch**: Sunday, March 10, following the worship service

**Annual General Meeting**: **Sunday, April 21**, following the worship service

**Messiah Policy Review at each Council meeting**:

Section 1: Constitution and Organizational Structure; Section 2: Ministry Teams; Section 3: Safe Church; Section 4: Financial; Section 5: Facility Use; Section 6: Administration

## Gathering

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

*Introduction: In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG: ELW#752 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying' (x2)

#### 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#525 'You are Holy'

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of the darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

### **Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to



idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat. so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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: Mark 1:21-28**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the First Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut "How much authority does Jesus have in your life?"**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#310 'Songs of Thankfulness and Praise'**

**APOSTLE'S 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 THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation, saying: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...

**Pastor:** Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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#407 'O Living Breath of God'

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### SENDING

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

### BLESSING & BENDICTION

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **(sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** ELW#538 'The Lord Now Sends Us Forth'

**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

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