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<b>Messiah Office: Tuesday – Friday from 11am to 3pm</b>	

**Worship for Sunday, January 7, 2024 @ 10:30am**  
**Baptism of our Lord / 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.**

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**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.



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**Today**

- **10:30am: Sunday Service & Holy Communion**
- **Coffee Time: before and 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 @ 9:15am.**
- **Confirmation:** Following the service (approximately 12pm)

**Coming Up**

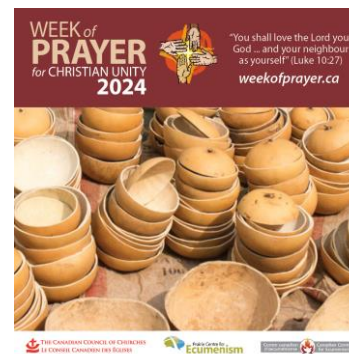
- ❖ **January 13 (Saturday at 10am) – MLW (Messiah Women) gathering** – coffee and discussion in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **January 14 - Potluck lunch following the Sunday Service**
- ❖ **Topical 'Names of God' Bible Study** – Tuesday, January 16 (monthly)
- ❖ **Lectionary Study** – Wednesday, January 17 (weekly)
- ❖ **Messiah Lutheran Women 'Women of the Bible' Study** – Tuesday, February 6 (monthly)
- ❖ **SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING:** February 9-11 (see next page)

**YOUTH, come and gather at Kinasao for a weekend of connection and camp**  
**WINTER FUN!**

## 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 at 12:00pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.  
**In person** in Peace Chapel or **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=c2dOTUwvQTlIOTUwY2xsNVBrSUh1UT09>
- **Men’s Ministry:** Last Saturday of the month. Contact Merv (306-960-8346)
- **Women’s Ministry:** Monthly gatherings; dates & times to be announced. Contact 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=REFIbzdkaVdMUjduS1lqODItckU4Zz09>  
**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=cVJtTVcyaIVDTzhMMUhNRGIiTIRadz09>

The 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 – 25) is on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37. This year's theme was prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso. **Watch for further details - Saskatoon events:** Thursday, January 18, Prayer service and lunch at Queen's House; Ecumenical Youth event at Zion Lutheran Church, 323-4 Avenue; Thursday, January 25, Ecumenical Campus Worship at St. Andrew's College chapel; and the **De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity (Karen Petersen Finch)**. Note, the workshops will not be livestreamed: **Wednesday, January 24, 7pm**, Re-imagining Lay People as Stewards of Doctrine (Campion College, Regina); **Thursday, January 25, 7pm**, Doctrine as the Fuel of Renewal (STM College, Saskatoon); **Friday, January 26, 10am**, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Holy Spirit Parish, Saskatoon); **Saturday, January 27, 10am**, The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? (Christ the King Parish, Regina)



## Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp – Upcoming in 2024



**SK Synod  
Youth  
Gathering  
February 9 - 11**

**Go to  
Kinasao.ca**

**Marriage Retreat  
March 15 – 17**

**Contact June or  
Bruce –  
306-981-2712  
306-981-2770 or**



**June.anonson@usask.ca**

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

**Introduction:** *Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*

**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 HYMN: ELW#304 'Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized'**

**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#310 'Songs of Thankfulness and Praise' vs.1)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### WORD

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

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God 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 word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

#### SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### 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 1:4-11**

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor. John Mayer Dut; Theme: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW#453 'Baptized and Set Free'

## **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**

**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.**

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**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.**

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

## **THANKSGIVING & MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING HYMN:** ELW P #302 'As with Gladness Men of Old' (v.3)

## **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.**

## **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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (ELW p.190):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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**

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.**

### **Invitation To Communion:**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental:**

*The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ Strengthen your faith, keep you in his love, and brings you to life everlasting in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Go in Peace and with Joy. Amen.*

**Prayer After Communion:** Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING**

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#423 'Shall We Gather at the River'**

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