



Messiah Lutheran Church
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Messiah Office: Tuesday – Friday from 11am to 3pm	

Worship for Sunday, January 21, 2024 @ 10:30am
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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 – January 21

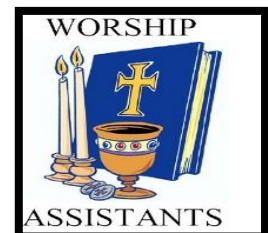
- **Coffee Time: before and after** service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **Choir Practice cancelled this week.**
- **10:30am: Sunday Service; No Sunday School this week.**
- **12pm: Confirmation**

Coming Up

- ❖ **Lectionary Study** – Wednesday, January 24 (weekly until the end of May) @ 7pm
- ❖ **Topical ‘Names of God’ Bible Study** – Tuesday, January 23 (monthly – note: will return to 3rd Tuesday in February)
- ❖ **Men’s Group** – Saturday, January 27 @ 9am, Messiah Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **Messiah Lutheran Women ‘Women of the Bible’ Study** – Tuesday, February 6 (monthly)
 - ❖ **SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING** February 9-11 (go to kinasao.ca – weekend retreats). **Registration Deadline – January 26th**

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 !!!

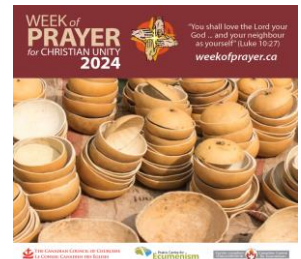
We are always looking for **Worship Assistants**. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher, or operate power point. Thank you, in advance, for your acts of service.



On Going Ministries

- **9:15am Sunday: Messiah Choir** practise; contact – May 306-960-4140 or Colleen 306-763-7389.
- **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, 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.
In person in Peace Chapel or **Zoom link for first Sunday:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171916901?pwd=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDVoUEX4Zz09>
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=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=cVJtTVcyaIVDTzhMMUhhNRGlITIRadz09>
- **Coffee's On:** 2nd and 4th 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 @ 4pm; **Good Shepherd Villas:** Second Tuesday of each month @ 3pm

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. **Events: De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity:** two different public lectures featuring guest speaker Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch: **January 24 (7pm) at Campion College, Regina,** and **January 25 (7pm) at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon** – attend in-person or view the live stream at: www.youtube.com/@schmeisercentre. The Series includes an in-person-only workshops (no registration required (10am - 12pm) entitled "**The Eucharist - Where is Jesus?**" **Saskatoon, January 26,** Holy Spirit Parish; and **Regina, January 27,** Christ the King Parish.



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 programing 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
Space is limited!!!

Gathering

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

***Introduction:** As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

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: 'Make Me a Servant'

1. Make me a servant, make me like you. As you are a servant make me one, too. Make me a servant, do what you must do. Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant like you.
2. To love my brother to serve like you do. I humble my spirit, I bow before you. And through my service. I'll be just like you. So, make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant, like you.
3. Open my hands Lord, teach me to share. Open my heart Lord, teach me to care. For service to others is service to you. Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant, like you.

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#203)

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living Word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE, (ELW p.#204)

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#696 ‘Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult’

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

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.**

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.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: WOV#732 ‘Create in Me A Clean Heart’

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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, 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(ELW P #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: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

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#810 'O Jesus, I Have Promised'

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

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