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

**Worship for Sunday, February 18, 2024 @ 10:30am**  
*First Sunday in Lent; Holy Communion*

**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 – February 18**

- **Coffee Time:** before and after service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **Confirmation:** Following the Worship Service at 12:00pm, **In person** (Peace Chapel) and on Zoom - link for **third Sunday**:  
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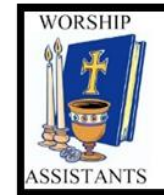


**Coming Up**

- ❖ **“Names of God” Topical Bible Study – Tuesday, February 20 @ 7pm** in person and on Zoom
- ❖ **Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesday, February 21 @ 7pm** led by Pastor John; in person (Peace Chapel) & online.
- ❖ **Lenten Lunches (Calvary United) Thursdays beginning February 15 – March 21: 11:30am – 1pm**  
 Soup/sandwich lunch at 12noon (blessing and opening prayer prior to lunch); service from 12:30-1pm.  
 A signup sheet for contributions of soup and sandwiches for Thursday, February 22, is in the Narthex or contact Corrine for more information at 306-960-2407.
- ❖ **Coffee & Fellowship! Tuesday, February 27, 10 – 11 am** in the Fellowship Hall: You are All invited!! 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 “On going Ministries” next page for scheduled events and Zoom links.



We are always looking for **Worship Assistants**. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex for 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.



**Homeless & Cold:** two programs that welcome support of the homeless 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 the Shelter at 950 Exhibition Drive (24/7).
2. **Reaching Out:** hands 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. 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.

**A donation box is in the Sanctuary entry (Narthex) if you prefer bringing items to Messiah.**



**Luther League Legacy Fund (LLLF) – call for applications:** If you are 30 years of age or under, or know of someone, looking to be involved in a leadership development opportunity or looking to plan a project that would benefit people 30 years of age and under, please check out our application guidelines at [elcic.ca/youth/luther-league-legacy-fund](http://elcic.ca/youth/luther-league-legacy-fund). Deadline for applications is on **March 1, 2024**.

### 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=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDVoUEx4Zz09>  
**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:** 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=cVJtTVcyaVVDZzhMMUhhNRGlhTIRadz09>
- **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**

**"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."**

Colossians 3:12-14

## GATHERING

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

***Introduction:** On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** ELW#326 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" (Tune: 'O Living Bread from Heaven')

### 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, God most 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. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through 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 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.” **The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift I up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ..... (ELW p.205)

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind – slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

#### **GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

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

<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." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** WOV#741 "Thy Holy Wings"

### **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**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need, saying: Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great.** ...

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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. **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

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:**

***Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!***

### **COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental**

**Prayer after Communion:** Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world: in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

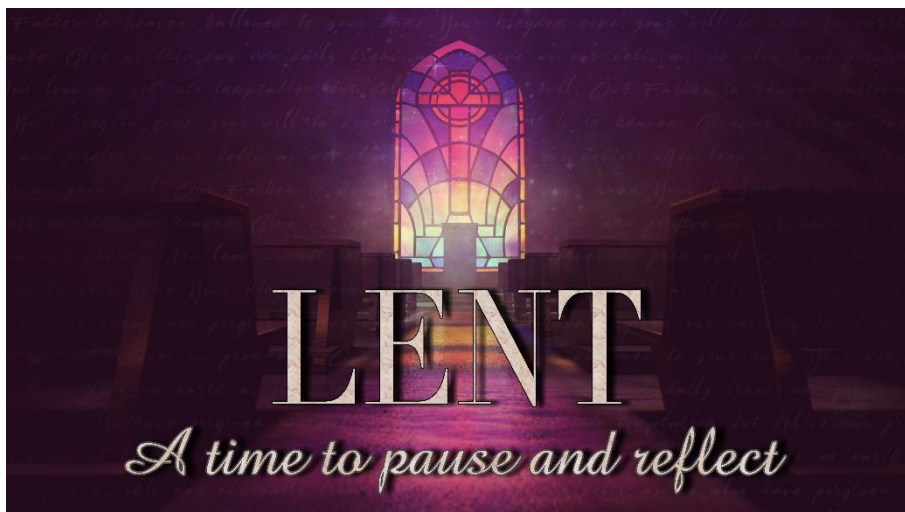
(sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

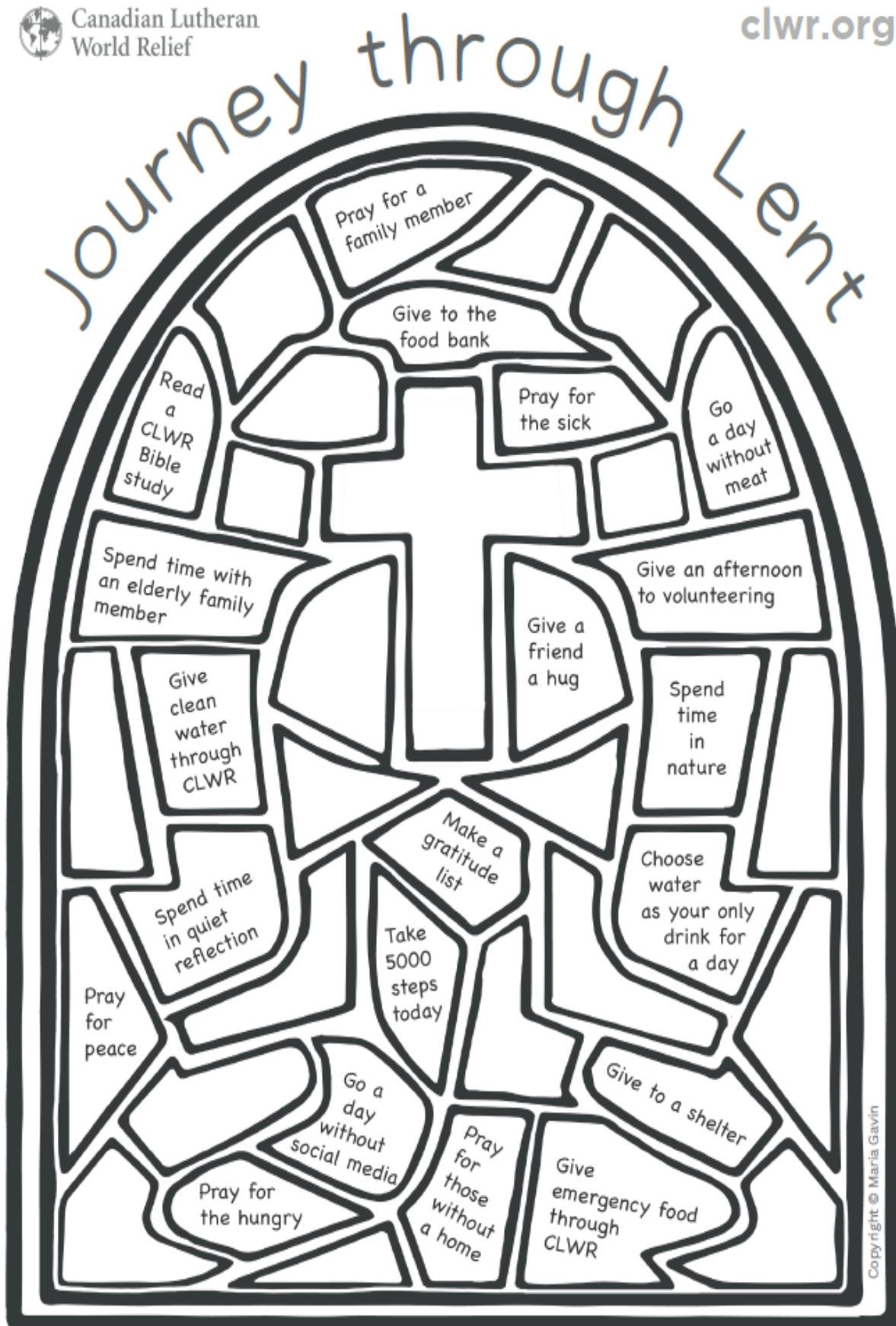
### **SENDING SONG: ELW#505 "A Mighty Fortress"**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

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