

Messiah Lutheran Church

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

Worship for Sunday, February 4, 2024 @ 10:30am
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut Musician: Linda Moriarty
Worship Assistants: Merv Bender, Jean Meyers, Walters Family - Anna, Maya, Mike, Theresa

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:

May Janzen, Carol Tastad (friend of Lisa Haight), Leslie Ambrose (granddaughter of Arlene Wagner), Dennis Ulmer, Giles Lalond (brother-in-law of Merv Bender), Carl Klarenbach, Rose Statz, Bill Brown, Pastor Ron Bjorgan (brother-in-law of Ken & Betty Haugen and Dan & Bev Haugen), Sheila Baessler, Betty Anderson, Morris Anderson, Sharon Olson (cousin of Betty Haugen), Myrtle Bauer, Barb Johnson (friend of Donna Deobald), Ray McCallum, Knute Gjesdal (father of Kristi Stolee), Jean Batiuk (sister-in-law of Anne & Roger Mayert), Chad Mahlberg (family friend of Merv Bender), Audrey Hodgson, Agnes Brown, all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.



Today – February 4

- 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
- 12pm (following the Service): Confirmation * Be advised it is the "**First Sunday**" Zoom link this week.

Coming Up

- ❖ Messiah Lutheran Women 'Women of the Bible' Study – Tuesday, February 6 (monthly)
- ❖ Lectionary Study – Wednesday, February 7 (weekly until the end of May) @ 7pm
- ❖ 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.
(no Lectionary Bible Study that evening)
- ❖ Lenten Lunches (Calgary 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.



February 11th we will be welcoming another child into our Church.
Addison Lynn Murray,
daughter of Andrew and Meghan Murray will be baptized.
Come join in on this significant sacrament being celebrated.

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 !!!

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 2nd, 4th and 5th 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.



Kinsmen Telemiracle 48: joint initiative with SK Synod and LutherCare Communities; giving back to our communities. **Donations can be made during Messiah office hours or at Sunday worship until February 14** (cash, e-transfer noting for Telemiracle, or a cheque to Telemiracle). Then write your name on a "Helping Hand" for display on a Messiah bulletin board.

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, 1st & 3rd 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=c2dOTUwvQTIOTUwY2xsNVBrSUh1UT09>
- **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: 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 @ 3:30pm;
Good Shepherd Villas: Second Tuesday of each month @ 3pm



Check out the Kinasa website (kinasa.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 !!!**



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.

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

***Introduction:** In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthen the powerless. So, in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: WOV#719 'God Is Here!'

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/HYMN OF PRAISE: WOV# 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Children's Message

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (spoken)

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

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

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and

took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

SERMON: PASTOR JOHN MAYER DUT

HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV#784 'You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore'

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.**

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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#798 'Bless the Lord, O My Soul' (x2)

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 . . .

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

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

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 & BENDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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

SENDING SONG: ELW#537 'On Our Way Rejoicing'

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**