

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Worship for Sunday, March 3, 2024 @ 10:30am
Third Sunday in Lent; Holy Baptism & 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 – March 3

- **Choir Practice** at 9:15am; come out and join in singing praises to the Lord!
- **Coffee Time:** **before and after** service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **Holy Baptism:** We will be welcome **Henrik Trond Tomtene**, son of Bradley & Jessica Tomtene.
- **Sunday School:** Following the Baptism.
- **Confirmation:** Following the Worship Service at 12:00pm.
- **Prince Albert Music Festival – Piano Awards:** 7pm at Messiah (Sanctuary).



Coming Up

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study** – Tuesday, March 5 @ 7pm; in Peace Chapel.
- ❖ **Lectionary Bible Study** – Wednesday, March 6 @ 7pm; in person and via zoom.
- ❖ **Lenten Lunches** (*Calvary United*) every Thursday until March 21: Lunch at 12noon; service from 12:30-1pm.
- ❖ **Prince Albert Music Festival – Choral/Voice Awards:** Friday, March 8 @ 7pm at Messiah (Sanctuary).
- ❖ **Messiah Potluck Lunch** – Sunday March 10: following service: All are invited to bring a lunch item and to join in a meal of fellowship. Help with cleanup is always appreciated.



... to Pastor John for leading the service, and the Messiah Women for providing and serving the soup/sandwiches at the Lenten Lunch on February 22 - Corrine Amyotte, Randi Arnot, Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Joy Gjesdal, Betty Haugen, Bev Haugen, Audrey Johnson, Jean Meyers, Linda Moriarty, Susan Prakash, and Beverly Skotheim.

Worship Assistants are needed for Sunday Services. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex and lists ways you can help. Please have a look and sign up to usher, read or operate PowerPoint. Your gift of time and service is greatly appreciated.





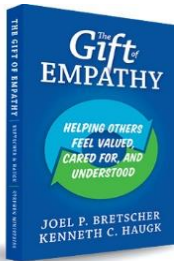
Congregational Announcement

Please check your Messiah mailbox for any mail you may have received in the last couple years. Many people have items that haven't been claimed, thus missing any correspondence or information! Thank you.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting; providing one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, etc. Stephen Ministries' essential principle: "We are the Caregivers, God is the Curegiver."



Their new book "**The Gift of Empathy** makes empathy concrete and doable for everyone. We all need to be heard and understood, and this book is a great reminder to intentionally consider how we can set aside our personal agendas to connect with the person in front of us." (Dave Rueter, Ph.D., Director of Christian Ed., Livermore, CA)

Empathy is something we all need—and it's something we all can give.



To learn more about Stephen Ministry in our congregation or the book, "The Gift of Empathy", please contact Stephen Ministers: Randi Arnot / Lisa Haight, or Pastor John. Email messiah@sasktel.net / pastor.mlc@sasktel.net / call (306) 763-7374 or Randi at randiarnot1@gmail.com / call (306) 922-5423

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=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDVoUEEx4Zz09>
Zoom link for the third Sunday:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84918291990?pwd=c2dOTUwvQTllOTUwY2xsNVBrSUh1UT09>
- **Men's Ministry:** Last Saturday of the month. Contact Merv (306-960-8346)
- **Women's Ministry:** Activities will 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 (306-960-2407).
 - **Topical Bible Study** – Third Tuesday of each month @ 7pm Studying the "Names of God"; in person (Peace Chapel) / Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88128785945?pwd=REFIbzdkaVdMUjduS1lqODItckU4Zz09>
 - **Lectionary Bible Study** – Every Wednesday @ 7pm led by Pastor John; in person (Peace Chapel) / Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81198671375?pwd=cVJtTVcyaVVDZzhMMUhhNRGlhTIRadz09>
- **Coffee's On (& Fellowship): 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of 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

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#324 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'

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.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: ELW#595 'Jesus Loves Me!' (vs.1)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: ELW pages 227-231

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Let us welcome the newly baptized: **Henrik Trond Tomtene.**

We welcome you, Henrik, into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to the entire world. Thanks be to God.

SONG: ELW#677 This Little Light of Mine (vs.1,3)

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

WORD

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

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your

work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. **Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19: 1-14

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. **Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to John, the 2nd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON: PASTOR. JOHN MAYER DUT

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#335 'Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross'

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.**

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Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#186 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p.144) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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#705 'God of Grace and God of Glory'

DISMISSAL

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