

## Messiah Lutheran Church

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

*Worship for Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 10:30am  
Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**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.**

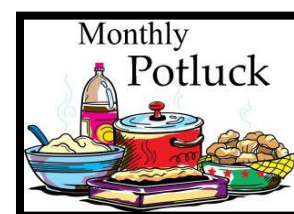
### Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

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 10

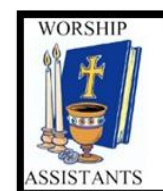
- **Choir Practice** at 9:15am; come out and join in singing praises to the Lord! Choir will sing during the service.
- **Coffee Time:** before the service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **Messiah Potluck Lunch – following the service:** All are invited to bring a lunch item and to join in a meal of fellowship. Help with cleanup is always appreciated.



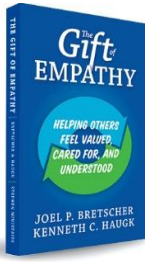
### Coming Up

- ❖ **Coffee's On (& Fellowship) – Tuesday, March 12, (10 – 11am)** in the Fellowship Hall. All are Welcome!
- ❖ **Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 7pm;** in person and via zoom.
- ❖ **Lenten Lunches (Calvary United) Thursdays until March 21:** Lunch at 12noon; service from 12:30-1pm.
- ❖ **Prince Albert Music Festival – Instrumental Awards:** Friday, March 22 @ 7pm at Messiah (Sanctuary).
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday Service: March 28 @ 7pm**
- ❖ **Good Friday Service: March 29 @ 10:30am**
- ❖ **Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service @ 8am; Holy Communion Service @ 10:30am**  
Easter Breakfast 8:45 – 9:45am (Skit: "Balaam's Donkey" at 9:30am)

**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.



## 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, or relocation. Stephen Ministries' essential principle: **"We are the Caregivers, God is the Caregiver."**

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.  
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P.A Christian Women's After 5 Connection Invites you:  
Monday March 18, 2024 @ 7-9pm to Coronet Dinner & Program. \$22.00.

Contact Susan Prakash for reservations and info by *March 14*  
306-764-7021/[susanprakash@sasktel.net](mailto:susanprakash@sasktel.net)

### 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=c2dOTUwvQTIIOTUwY2xsNVBrSUh1UT09>
- **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=REFIbzdkaVdMUjduS1lqODltckU4Zz09>
  - **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): 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

([Stephen Ministry overview – video & statement](#))

## 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 SONG:** ACS#924 'As the Winter Days Grow Longer'

## 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.138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## MESSIAH CHOIR

### Children's Message

#### WORD

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

#### First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

#### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.  
The word of the Lord. **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 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to St. John, the Third Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Pastor John Mayer Dut

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW#323 ‘God Loved the World’

**APOSTLE’S 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.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**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.**

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

### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING HYMN:** ELW#692 'We Are an Offering'

### **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. We pray this in your name. 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. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** ELW#779 'Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound'

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**TABLE GRACE:** *Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; these mercies bless, and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be.*

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