



Messiah Lutheran Church
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Worship for Sunday, April 14, 2024 @ 10:30am
Third Sunday after Easter

Note: The service is livestreamed beginning at 10:30am, and then posted on YouTube.
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.





Condolences to the family and friends of ***Irene Edwards***.
She will be dearly missed by those she knew and loved.
A Service of Life will be held at MacKenzie Chapel on Friday, April 12 at 2:00pm
(viewing prior to the service).



Today

- **Coffee Time:** before service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting
- **Sunday School:** following the Children’s Message (approximately 10:45am)



Coming Up

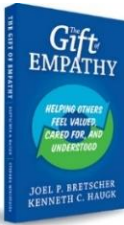
- **‘Names of God’ Bible Study:** Tuesday, April 16 @ 7pm (See On Going Ministries for details)
- **Lectionary Bible Study:** Wednesdays @ 7pm (see On Going Ministries for details)
- **Coffee’s On (& Fellowship):** Tuesday, April 23, at 10am ... Fellowship Hall
- **Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, April 28, following the service and potluck lunch.

Messiah Council Members needed! Would you like to contribute to our congregation? The Lord is looking for people to step up to the plate to help share the responsibility for governance of Messiah. Please consider letting your name stand for Messiah Council during this year’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 28. Contact any member of Council with any questions or to submit your name – Corrine Amyotte, Randi Arnot, Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Merv Bender, David Bragg, Jeannette Tomtene, Joy Weinberger or Pastor John. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY



“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* at Messiah or “*The Gift of Empathy*”, contact Stephen Ministers Randi Arnot / Lisa Haight, or Pastor John - messiah@sasktel.net / pastor.mlc@sasktel.net ; (306) 763-7374 or Randi randiarnot1@gmail.com ; (306) 922-5423



Caring Tip

from Stephen Ministries

April 10 is National Siblings Day. For many people, sibling relationships are some of the closest and most foundational in their lives. In today’s Caring Tip, [The Gift of Empathy](#) shares some insights on how to empathize effectively with siblings.

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1827> (also displayed on bulletin board near side door)

On Going Ministries

- **9:45am before 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=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDV0UEEx4Zz09>
Zoom link for the third Sunday:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84918291990?pwd=c2dOTUwvQTllOTUwY2xsNVBrSUh1UT09>
- **Men’s Ministry:** usually the *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** each month (Peace Chapel) @ 7pm
Theme is: “**Women of the Bible**”. Contact Corrine (306-960-2407).
 - **Topical Bible Study – Third Tuesday** each month @ 7pm “**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=cVJtTVcyaVlVDTZhMMUjNRGlITIRadz09>
- **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
- **Stephen Ministry:** Contact Pastor John for referrals.

CLWR Bible Studies

Did you know that Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) has created Bible studies to help congregations delve deeper into themes of injustice and compassion by engaging with Scripture and considering how God calls us to act together? These studies can be adapted for your congregation's needs and are free to use. We have been adding a new study to the collection monthly and each one focuses on a unique topic, while exploring local, national and global connections. The most recent study, based on 2 Kings 5:1-14 and focused on health, is available now - download it and keep an eye on clwr.org/bible-study for more!



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A poster for the Watsonairs Spring Concert. It features a blue background with a piano, a guitar, and a star. The text includes: "Going to the Movies", "Watsonairs Spring Concert", "May 5, 2024", "Time: 2:00pm", "Destination: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1796 15th Ave E, PA", "Tickets: \$20 - Adult, \$10 - 12 & under", "Tickets available at Canadian Tire, Choir members or inquires on Facebook", "For more info: Watsonairs@gmail.com", "Proceeds from concert will go to 'Ronald McDonald House Charity' in PA.", and "Special Guests Artists".

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watsonairs@gmail.com

A group photo of the LCBI Choir members, dressed in black uniforms, standing in front of a building.

LCBI Choir Tour 2024
April 18 7:00pm The Langham Hall, Langham
April 19 7:00pm Zion Lutheran, North Battleford
April 20 7:00pm Zion Lutheran, Saskatoon
April 21 10:30am Good Shepherd, Saskatoon (Chamber Choir)
Featuring Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, Handbell Choir
Silver Collection Admission
For more information please contact Kari at dean@lcbi.sk.ca

Upcoming Camp Kinasao Events:

- **Annual General Meeting – April 21 @ 3pm (Trinity Lutheran, Rosthern) potluck meal to follow**
- **Women's Retreat – April 26-28 [Register at Kinasao.ca by April 12]. Darla Wannick - "Seeking Truth". Go to Kinasao.ca for information about 2024 Summer Programs, weekend retreats, and more ...**

GATHERING

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

Introduction

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!** At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG: ELW#364 'Christ Has Arisen, alleluia'

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. 184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

HYMN OF PRAISE (ELWp.187)

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name. ¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. ²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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Children's Message

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my

hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Video

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#388 ‘Be No Afraid’ (sing twice)

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news, saying God of grace, **hear our prayer.** . . .

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **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.*

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#692 ‘We Are an Offering’

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#375 ‘Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen’

DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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