



**Messiah Lutheran Church**

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

**Worship for Sunday, April 21, 2024 @ 10:30am: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor John Mayer Dut

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.



***Our condolences to Morris Anderson on the death of Betty, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She died very peacefully on Saturday, April 13, gently slipping away, with loved ones holding her hand. Please keep Morris, Stephen, Susan, Phil and their family in your thoughts and prayers. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. Philippians 1:3.***



**Today**

- **Coffee Time:** before service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting
- **Sunday School:** following the Children’s Message during the Worship Service
- **Confirmation:** Following the Worship Service at 12:00pm (see On Going Ministries for details – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)



**Coming Up**

- **Lectionary Bible Study: Wednesday @ 7pm** (see On Going Ministries for details)
- **Coffee’s On (& Fellowship): Tuesday, April 23, at 10am ...** Fellowship Hall
- **Women’s Retreat at Kinasao: April 26 – 28** (late entries are still welcome, contact [Kinasao.ca](http://Kinasao.ca))
- **Annual General Meeting: Sunday, April 28, following the service and potluck lunch.**



**Messiah Council Members needed!** The Lord is looking for people 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.



**Camp Kinasao: AGM – April 21 @ 3pm** (Trinity Lutheran, Rosthern) potluck meal to follow  
Go to [Kinasao.ca](http://Kinasao.ca) for information about 2024 Summer Programs, weekend retreats, and more ...



**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@lcbisk.ca](mailto:dean@lcbisk.ca)



**Watsonairs Spring Concert**  
**“Going to the Movies”**

MAY 5, 2024 @ 2:00pm

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church  
Tickets: \$20.00 (Adults), \$10.00 (12 Under)

Tickets available from choir members  
(ie: Lisa Haight), Canadian Tire  
or contact [watsonairs@gmail.com](mailto:watsonairs@gmail.com)

For 2024, Community Clean-Up will be hosted at three locations. Residents are encouraged to bring items to any of the locations. **FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: [WWW.CITYPA.CA/CLEAN-UP](http://WWW.CITYPA.CA/CLEAN-UP).**  
It's that time of year again for groups, organizations, business, friends and neighbors to start thinking about getting together to clean up Prince Albert and participate in the annual litter pick up Pitch-In Week. The 2024 Pitch-In campaign has been set for **Monday, May 6 to Saturday May 11, 2024**. You can read more about the Pitch-In movement here: <https://www.facebook.com/pitchincanada>



Prince Albert  
**COMMUNITY**  
CLEAN UP & PITCH IN WEEK  
MAY 6 - 11, 2024  
[paevents.ca](http://paevents.ca)

**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, 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:** 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=cVJtTVcyaIVDTzhMMUhNRGLiIRadz09>
- **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
- **Stephen Ministry:** Contact Pastor John for referrals.

## GATHERING

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
This is the day that the LORD has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### Introduction

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

## 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 HYMN: ELW#369 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today, 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.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, throned on 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. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father 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: Acts 4:5-12**

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM 23: HFG#40 'The Lord's My Shepherd' (vs 1,3,5) (sung)**

- 1 **The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want; He makes me down to lie. In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**
- 3 **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill. For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**
- 5 **Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me. And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

#### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him. <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

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

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

**SERMON: Pastor John**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#502 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'**

**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.**

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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.**

**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. **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.**

## 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, 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:** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

### COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

**Prayer after Communion:** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **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. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** HFG#606 'He Leadeth Me' (LBW501)

### DISMISSAL

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

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