

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

Worship for Sunday: April 28, 2024 @ 10:30am
Fifth 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.

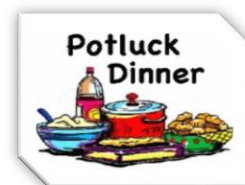
Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

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.



Today

- **Coffee Time:** before service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting
- **Sunday School:** following the Children’s Message during the Worship Service
- **Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Potluck Lunch:** following the service.
 All are invited to bring a lunch item (sandwiches, salads, veggie trays, desserts, casseroles etc.), following Potluck stay and join us for the annual meeting.
 Help with cleanup is always appreciated.



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 AGM. Contact any Council member if you have 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.

Coming Up

- **Lectionary Bible Study: Wednesday @ 7pm** (see On Going Ministries for details)
- **Worship Assistants** are needed for Sunday Worship. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watsonairs Spring Concert “Going to the Movies”

MAY 5, 2024 @ 2:00pm

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

Tickets available from choir members (Lisa Haight at Messiah),
Canadian Tire or contacting
watsonairs@gmail.com

Prince Albert Concert Band with Guests St. Mary's Choir Spring Concert



*Sunday, April 28 @ 7pm
Calvary United Church
Admission by Donation*

May 9: Online Racial Justice Workshop

ELCIC's Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These workshops are intended to be taken together. Both sessions are on Thursday, May 9 from 9:30am to 12:00pm (SK) and 1:00 to 3:30pm (SK).

Registration is free to all ELCIC members, at
elcic.ca/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/upcoming-events

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=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDVoUEx4Zz09>
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=cVJtTVcyaVlVDTzhMMUhNRGIiTiRadz09>
- **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.

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: *This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

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#377 'Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!'

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 (ELWp.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)

Refrain: **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.**

Refrain: **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.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELWp.188)

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

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

SERMON: Pastor. John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#447 'O Blessed Spring'

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

Pastor: 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#388 'Be Not Afraid' (sung twice)

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 & BENEDICTION

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#881 'Let All Things Now Living'

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.*

DISMISSAL

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