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

Worship for Sunday, April 7, 2024 @ 10:30am
Second Sunday after Easter with Holy Communion

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Note: The service is livestreamed beginning at 10:30am and are posted on YouTube for later viewing.
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

- **Choir Practice:** 9:15 am (and singing during the service)
- **Coffee Time:** before service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting
- **Sunday School:** following the Children’s Message (approximately 10:45am)
- **Confirmation: Sunday, April 7 -** Following Worship Service at 12:00pm (see On Going Ministries for details)

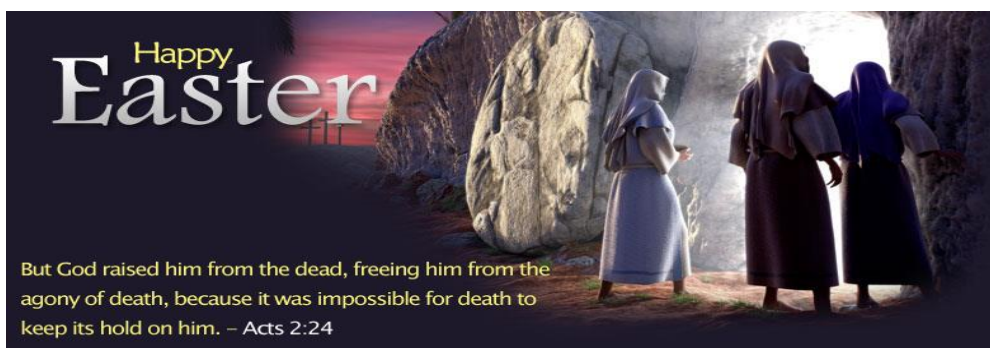
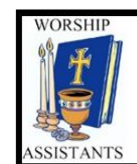


Coming Up

- **Coffee’s On (& Fellowship):** Tuesday, April 9, at 10am ... Fellowship Hall
- **Lectionary Bible Study:** Wednesdays @ 7pm (see On Going Ministries for details)
- **Men’s Retreat: April 12-14 –** Kinasao – Pastor Dan Haugen presents on the life of apostle Paul.
- **Annual General Meeting: Sunday, April 28, following the service and potluck lunch.**



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.



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 will present on the theme of “Seeking Truth”
- **Go to Kinasao.ca for information about 2024 Summer Programs, weekend retreats, and more ...**

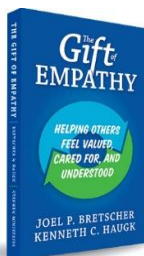
STEPHEN MINISTRY

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.”**

“**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 ; call (306) 763-7374 or Randi 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=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDV0UEEx4Zz09>
- **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=cVJtTVcyaVVDZzhMMUhhNRGltiRIRadz09>
- **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: WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

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 Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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#364 'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia'

GREETINGS.

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 / HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#397 'Loving Spirit'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 – "Hallujah, Now Be Joyful"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(spoken)*

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

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he

breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#389 'Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing' (vs.1,3,4,5)

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: ELW#691 'Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring'

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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 (spoken): **Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven 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.**

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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: ELW#376 'Thine is the Glory'

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

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