



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

Worship for Sunday May 5, 2024 @ 10:30am:
Sixth Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

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

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 and prayers to the Haight family on the passing of **Violet Haight** (Lisa's auntie) on Wednesday, May 1st. May you rest in Eternal Peace with Jesus our Saviour.

Today – May 5th, 2024

- **No Choir Practice**
- **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
- **Watsonairs Spring Concert: "Going to the Movies"** – Messiah Sanctuary at 2:00PM

Coming Up

- **Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, May 7 @ 7pm** (Peace Chapel) – last study until September
- **Lectionary Bible Study: Wednesday @ 7pm** (see On Going Ministries for details)
- **Coffee's On (& Fellowship): Tuesday, May 14 from 10-11am** (Fellowship Hall): last gathering until September
- **Confirmation Sunday: May 26** during the Worship Service @ 10:30am.

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 at the door on Sunday,
Canadian Tire or contacting watsonairs@gmail.com

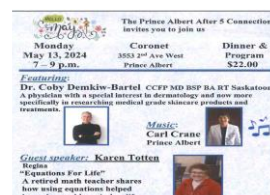


Anyone is invited Online Racial Justice Workshop: ELCIC's Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These workshops are intended to be taken together. **Both sessions are on Thursday, May 9: 9:30am to 12:00pm (SK) and 1:00 to 3:30pm (SK).** Register at Elcic.ca/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/upcoming-events

Prince Albert After 5 Connection: Monday, May 13 (7 – 9pm) – Coronet Hotel

Dinner & Program \$22; registration deadline May 9;
contact Susan @ 306.764.7021, susanprakash@sasktel.net.

Featuring Dr. Body Demkiw-Bartel, Music by Carl Crane,
and Guest Speaker Karen Totten 'Equations For Life'.



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: May 5 and 19 following the worship service @ 12:00pm**
In person in Peace Chapel or on [Zoom link for May 5:](#)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171916901?pwd=dIU5eWxpNkRGL0M4RHFMaDV0UEx4Zz09>
[Zoom link for May 19:](#)
<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 – Tuesday, May 7** (Peace Chapel) @ 7pm (last one until September)
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=cVJtTVcyaVDTzhMMUhNRGlTIRadz09>
- **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 the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

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#367 'Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds'

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 (ELW p.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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for

whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 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 15:9-17

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

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#708 ‘Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love’

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.**

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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#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.**

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 (ELWp.190): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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 & 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. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#389 'Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing'

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