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**Messiah Office Summer Hours: Tuesday – Thursday from 12pm to 3pm**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: June 16, 2024 @ 10:30am**

**Worship Leader:** *Pastor John Dut*    **Musician:** *Colleen Bowen*

**Worship Assistants:** *Corrine Amyotte, Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Merv Bender, David Bragg, Lisa Haight, Wayne Hyde*

*The service will be broadcast live beginning at 10:30am on YouTube and posted there for later viewing.*

**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 – Sunday, June 16**

- **Coffee Time:** before service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting
- **Holy Communion Service on Father's Day.**
- **Ordination Service for Deacon Eldon Danielson** to Pastor of Word and Sacrament, ELCIC, at 3:00pm, Carrot River Valley Lutheran Church (Fairy Glen Parish)



**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.**



Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

**World Refugee Day**  
**June 20th, 2024**

Join CLWR in prayer, meditation and action about the plight of displaced people around the world, and God's call for us to respond.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Over 1% of the world's population—110 million—are forcibly displaced people. Around 40% of those who are forcibly displaced are children under the age of 18. Low- and middle-income countries host 75% of the world's refugees.

On World Refugee Day, we remember forcibly displaced people around the globe, celebrate their strength and courage, and build empathy for their plight. Please join us this week in praying for all those who have had to flee, and for all those who will offer welcome.

**Kinasao Celebration Weekend: June 21 – 23;** go to their website [kinasao.ca](http://kinasao.ca), Upcoming Events for details.

There is no registration fee for Celebration Weekend! Accommodations are available Friday-Sunday, as well as 3 meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday. To reserve a cabin, contact [kristi@kinasao.ca](mailto:kristi@kinasao.ca) (no reservations required for meals). Cabin space is limited!



**On Going Ministries**

- **9:45am before Sunday Service: Coffee Time:** a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **Stephen Ministry:** Contact Pastor John for referrals.
- **Bible Studies, Choir, Confirmation, Men's Group, Messiah Lutheran Women, Senior Home Worship Services –** will resume in September.

**Happy Father's Day!**



## GATHERING & WELCOME

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

**Introduction:** *The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

**God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN: ELW#508 'As Rain from the Clouds'

**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#.138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW#844 Praise to the Lord)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW P#. 142)

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

## **GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 679 'For the Fruit of All Creation'**

## **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 into hell. 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Pastor:** We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world, saying: Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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**Pastor:** Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

*We share a sign of Peace.*

## **THANKSGIVING & MEAL**

**OFFERING HYMN: ELW#682 'To God Our Thanks We Give'**

## **OFFERING PRAYER:**

Let us pray. **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

**(p.144) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. 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**

**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:**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental**

**Prayer after Communion:** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

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

#### **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG: ELW#671 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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