



Messiah Lutheran Church

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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 11am – 2pm

November 30 @ 10:30am: First Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut Musician: Jack Jones

Worship Assistants: Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Merv Bender, Louise Fornal, Joy Gjesdal, Wayne Hyde, Iris Jones

Coffee in the Peace Chapel (9:45am) before the Worship Service;

Sunday School following the Children's Message;

The service is broadcast live at 10:30am and posted on the Messiah YouTube channel.

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 heartfelt prayers of comfort and peace to the families, loved ones and friends of **Knute Gjesdal**, brother to Steven (Joy) Gjesdal and father to Kristi Stolee (Ian, Adalynn, Joel, Karina & Elaina); **Bernice Fjeld**, mother to Valerie (Clarence) Buchoski. Knute and Bernice both past into the loving arms of their Father in Heaven on Nov 19, 2025. May the Holy Spirit walk alongside each grieving soul and give them eternal hope and comfort during this difficult time.

UPCOMING @ MESSIAH

Caring Ministry & Community Service

- **Salvation Army Kettle** (December 4): signup sheet in the Narthex.
- **Food Bank Sunday**: December 7 (suggestion sheets in the Narthex)
- **Christmas Hampers**: donation suggestion lists in the Narthex; financial support welcome
- **Stepping Stones Shelter donations**: drop off box in the Narthex for blankets, hygiene items, towels, winter jackets, mitts, toques, socks and underwear.

December 7: Potluck lunch following the 10:30am service; Blue Christmas Service at 1pm

Bible Studies (in person in the Peace Chapel or via Zoom):

† **Weekly** on Wednesday at 7pm – Zoom ID: 885 6495 2469 & Passcode: 518446

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564952469?pwd=yAY3S5UwbKXH7MLDyTJxTLN0lpkcrZ.1>

† **Monthly** - third Tuesday @ 7pm – Zoom ID: 859 1940 4343; Passcode: 210248;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85919404343?pwd=t0A2kA5mg58xSGnD5lQpzOSenfuNjR.1>

Coffee & Conversation: Join us on the first (**December 4**) and third Thursdays @ 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Classes: Contact Pastor John (306.961.0877)

Men's Breakfast Group: Contact Merv 306.960.8346.

Senior Homes Worship Services (monthly): Mont St. Joseph Home (first Wednesday); Points West Living (first Thursday); Good Shepherd Villas (second Tuesday). Pineview Terrance (fourth Wednesday).

Around the Community, the Saskatchewan Synod & beyond ...

	<p>Canada Lutheran is the magazine of the ELCIC, providing information and inspiration to help our us deepen our faith, follow church news, find the relevance of Lutheran faith in today's complex world, and create positive social change at home and abroad. An annual subscription of 10 issues costs approximately \$22.00. If you would like a subscription mailed directly to your home, contact Cheryl at 306.961.2967 / cbauerhyde@gmail.com.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Conversations Across the Church Sunday, November 30, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST</p> <p>As we enter the season of Advent, you are invited to join National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for an hour of devotion, reflection and conversation.</p> <p>REGISTER HERE: </p> 	<p>ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer ... Conversations Across the Church 'Rooted in Faith, conversations Across the Church': Sunday, November 30 at 5:00 p.m. CST</p> <p>You are invited to join Bishop Larry for an hour online in devotion, prayer, reflection and conversation. Be a part of the conversation! When you register, complete the following question: <i>If you could ask Bishop Larry one thing as he begins his new ministry as National Bishop, what would it be?</i> - You might hear your question answered during the gathering. Go to elcic.ca or sign up here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Gn6uWp-Sto2sHXmKjmbBww#/registration</p>
	<p>For more information and more Kinasao news, go to: kinasao.ca.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinkle Tour: December 6-7 and 31 (6:30-8:30pm); check the website for other dates that may be announced. • December 5-7: Advent Retreat
	<p>Watsonairs Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 4 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1401 – 4 Avenue West, Prince Albert Admission by donation at the door or etransfer watsonairs@gmail.com Proceeds to the Salvation Army</p>
	<p>Give Gifts from the Heart this Christmas! Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new <i>Gifts from the Heart</i> catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world! Copies are available on the table in the Narthex or by emailing clwr@clwr.org or you can shop online at clwr.org/GFTH</p>
<p>*Last Event to be held by PA Christian Women!</p>	<p>Prince Albert Christian Women's After 5 Connection, has recently announced they are closing after 52 years in the community. Their final event will be December 8th with a Christmas celebration. The PA Christian Women's After 5 Connection invites you to join them for a "Celebration of Christmas!" Monday December 8, 2025 from 7-9pm; \$ 26.00 at Coronet Hotel. Contact Susan Prakash, susanprakash@sasktel.net , 306-764-7021 to reserve ticket(s).</p>
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Thankful for 50 years of God's work through Stephen Ministries!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.stephenministries.org/CareMail/2025/Thanksgiving_Week_Message/Thanksgiving_Week_Message.html</p>

Prepare Your Heart for Advent

*If you would like a prayer sent to you each day of Advent, email or click on the link below: prayer@hbehlert.com
<https://mailchi.mp/hbehlert.com/advent-2025-landing-page>

*Prepare your heart & soul
for Christmas...*

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each day during Advent!
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GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

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.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: THE PROMISE OF HOPE

Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.

Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all people.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.

Advent is a time to renew our determination.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.

Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.

Today we light the first candle – the candle of hope – marking the beginning of our spiritual journey this Advent season.

The light of this candle reminds us that hope begins with a spark that at first seems small and insignificant, but in time grows into a brilliant flame, a flame that quickly spreads, filling the darkness with light and bringing a renewed sense of hope to a world filled with doubt and fear.

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the promise of the scripture that through Christ, we have hope. Forgive our lack of faith and restore in our hearts the assurance that your love can conquer the tyranny of injustice in a broken world. We pray today that you would strengthen our faith in your mercy and righteousness so we can live in hope every day of our lives. Amen.

ELW#240 'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah' (vs.1)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, Now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Time – Decorating of the Sanctuary Tree



WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

PSALM 122: 1-9

¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

² **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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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: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 24th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,

until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#242 ‘Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn’

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing (*especially*). **Savannah, Lyla, Ken, Annette & Dennis, Daryl, Larissa/Taylor & family, Len, Dick, Treasa, Diana, Leon, Sheila, Wayne, Pearl, Stanley, Michelle, Trudy, Rose, Barb, Rose, Sheila, Sharon, Ray, Jean, Audrey,** and all those we name aloud or silent in our hearts. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer (ELWp.191)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **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 Peace.*

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING SONG: ELW#253 'He Came Down'

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

May God who comes among us, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#244 'Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

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