



Messiah Lutheran Church

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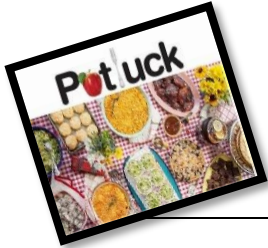
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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 11am – 2pm

December 7, 2025 @ 10:30am: Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Musician: Colleen Bowen



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

Sunday School following the Children's Message;

Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the Service;

Blue Christmas Service in the Peace Chapel @ 1pm

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.



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.

Bible Studies

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 on third Tuesday at 7pm – Zoom ID: 859 1940 4343; Passcode: 210248;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85919404343?pwd=t0A2kA5mg58xSGnD5lQpzOSeNfuNjR.1>

Coffee & Conversation

An informal gathering on the first and third Thursdays - next December 18 @ 10am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Confirmation Classes

Contact Pastor John (306.961.0877)

Senior Home Services
monthly

Mont St. Joseph Home (first Wednesday); Points West Living (first Thursday); Good Shepherd Villas (second Tuesday). Pineview Terrance (fourth Wednesday)

Financial Stewardship at Messiah: If you are away or not regularly attending Sunday Services, offerings can be brought to the Messiah office (phone 306.763.7374) OR donate electronically weekly/monthly (preauthorized deposit) OR etransfer to messiah@sasktel.net (no password needed). Contact Cheryl at 306.961.2967.

Thank you for your faithful support of ministry at Messiah.

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.</p> <p>An annual subscription of 10 issues costs approximately \$22.00.</p> <p>If you would like a subscription mailed directly to your home, contact Cheryl at 306.961.2967 / cbauerhyde@gmail.com.</p>
	<p>ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer 'Rooted in Faith, conversations Across the Church'</p> <p>The conversation on November 30 was recorded, and is available at this link - https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/share/fNhs66cAMnF6M_IY1eTBpmlQokV76Jo7xMH4qefDF3uYyF818MLf698D5WR8V9Y_0YSjF9Gr41RSBK5V or go to the ELCIC.ca website. The next conversation will be on February 22, 2026.</p>
	<p>Twinkle Tour (6:30 – 8:30pm): December 6, 7, 12, 13, 20, 21, 31.</p> <p>Keep checking the website kinasao.ca for updates, and more information about Kinasao programs.</p>
	<p>Canadian Lutheran World Relief's <i>Gifts from the Heart</i> catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your Christmas gift list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world!</p> <p>Copies are available on the table in the Narthex, or you can shop online at clwr.org/GFTH</p>
<p><u>Last Event</u> to be held by PA Christian Women!</p>	<p>Prince Albert Christian Women's After 5 Connection is ending after 52 years in the community. Their final gathering "Celebration of Christmas!" is Monday, December 8, 7 - 9pm at the Coronet Hotel.</p> <p>Contact Susan, susanprakash@sasktel.net, 306-764-7021 to reserve a ticket (\$26.00).</p>
	<p>Thankful for 50 years of God's work through Stephen Ministries!</p> <p>https://www.stephenministries.org/CareMail/2025/Thanksgiving_Week_Message/Thanksgiving_Week_Message.html</p>
	<p>Prince Albert Concert Choir invites you to "Glow: A Christmas Concert" Sunday, December 14, 2025 @ 4pm, Calvary United Church</p> <p>They will be singing a mixture of classical Christmas carols, such as <i>Silent Night</i> and <i>This Little Babe</i>, as well as some other holiday favourites.</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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**Advent Message
To Rostered Leaders and Congregations
of the Saskatchewan Synod ELCIC**

November 27, 2025

Dear sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we enter this holy season of Advent and draw near to the joyful celebration of Christmas, I write to you with a heart full of gratitude, hope, and deep pastoral concern. These past months and years have carried more than their share of uncertainty. We continue to witness global turmoil, wars and conflicts that fracture communities, financial pressures that weigh heavily on households and congregations, and the ongoing struggle of many of our congregations striving faithfully to keep their doors open. I want you to hear clearly: you are not walking this path alone. Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, is indeed with us!

Advent teaches us to wait, not in fear, but in expectation. Advent reminds us that God comes precisely into the world as it is: fragile, imperfect, longing for redemption. The Christ child is born not into comfort or stability, but into a world marked by sociopolitical tension, displacement, and danger. And yet, into that world the angels proclaim, "Do not be afraid." That promise still holds. Christ enters our uncertainty with courage; Jesus enters our scarcity with abundance; Christ enters our weariness with new strength.

I want to encourage each of you, rostered leaders, lay leaders, congregations spread across the vast geography of our synod, to trust that God is at work even in what feels small, stretched, or fragile. Your ministries matter however big or small. Your presence in your communities matters. Your faithful witness in these challenging times shines with the light that no darkness can overcome. Do not give up, but walk faithfully and boldly!

As you gather for worship, as you prepare Advent liturgies, as you offer care, compassion, and leadership amid real constraints, know that the Holy Spirit goes before you, beside you, and behind you. The One who promises to be Emmanuel, God with us, is steadfast by our side. The same God who has sustained the church through centuries of change will sustain us now and into the future. There is no doubt about that.

This Christmas season, may you glimpse again the profound hope that comes wrapped not in power, but in vulnerability; not in certainty, but in trust; not in abundance, but in a manger. May Christ's peace settle into your hearts and into congregations, faith communities and ministries of our beloved synod, strengthening you for the ministry to which you have been called.

You are held in my prayers and in the love of the One who is our Light and our Salvation.

Abundant blessings in Christ,

Bishop Ali Tote, MDiv, MBA, PhD
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SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD ELCIC

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

Introduction: *At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

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 PEACE

Advent is marked by a spirit of yearning for peace.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace among nations.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace among races.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

Today we light two candles – the candle of hope and the candle of peace. The light of this second candle reminds us that God's purpose in sending his Son into the world was to bring peace. We look at the division, the fighting, and the turmoil around us, and we see a world in dire need. We remind ourselves that peace begins with forgiveness, and that forgiveness begins in our hearts.

Closing prayer: **Gracious God, we thank you for your promise of peace, and we know that because of Christ, peace is possible. We pray today for the nations of the world, that we could find a way to live together in peace. We pray for our brothers, sisters and siblings everywhere, that we could become more forgiving, more understanding, and more loving to one another. Flood our hearts with the light of peace today so that we might take that light and spread your love to the whole world. Amen.**

ELW#240 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (vs.1-2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up our hearts, Lord God to prepare the way of our only Son. By his coming nature our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Time (followed by Sunday School)

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸ **Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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: Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ” ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him. ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Sermon: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#257 ‘O Come, O Come, Emmanuel’ (vs 1-4)

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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With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease (*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. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures.
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.**

PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.** *We share a sign of Peace.*

THANKSGIVING & MEAL

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.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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 (ELWp.191)

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: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray, **God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENDICTION

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#266 'All Earth is Hopeful'

ANNOUNCEMENTS & TABLE GRACE

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. Amen.*

DISMISSAL

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

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