

Messiah Lutheran Church
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 Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday; 11am – 2pm

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January 25, 2026 @ 10:30am: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Coffee in the Peace Chapel (9:45am); Sunday School during the Service

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

<p>Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch February 1st</p>	<p>Council has called a <u>congregational meeting</u> for Sunday, February 1, immediately after the service, to consider the LutherCare Communities Purchase Sales Agreement – <u>attendance of all active members is encouraged.</u> Potluck lunch to follow. If able, please bring fingerfoods /sandwiches /salad /dessert to share.</p>
<p>Caring Ministry & Community Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Bank donations are collected each Sunday - Relative's Lodge (formerly Stepping Stones Shelter): drop off donation box in the Narthex for blankets, hygiene items, towels, winter jackets, mitts, toques, socks, and underwear. - Salvation Army Ministry donations – Online: SalvationArmy.ca; choose "Donate to a specific location"; Prince Albert Community Services; QR Code: available on The Salvation Army Prince Albert's Facebook page ; Phone: 1-800-725-2769; Prince Albert Community Services - Adult boots and shoes (any condition - larger sizes especially) for Victoria Hospital – put in or by the Donation box; Gord Hein will pick up.
<p>Bible Studies (Peace Chapel or via Zoom)</p>	<p>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=t0A2kA5mg58xSGnD5lQpzOSefuNjR.1</p>

Coffee & Conversation	An informal gathering on the first and third Thursdays – (Next January 29) @ 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)

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

	<p>SK Synod congregations and LutherCare Communities have come together to give back to our Saskatchewan communities. A donation sheet is available on the Narthex table. Donations can be made by cash or cheque (payable to KINSMEN TELEMIRACLE) or directly to: https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E370151QE&id=1&cfid=35 (credit card). Helping Hands are available so that you can record your name to be posted on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, check with Lisa in the office or phone / text Cheryl at 306.961.2967. Donations accepted until February 8</p>
 <p>Canadian Lutheran World Relief</p>	<p>A conversation with Sophia Gebreyes: An event with LWF's Ethiopia Country Representative — Building climate resilience through nature-based solutions. Lessons from Ethiopia, Chad and Cameroon. Saturday, January 31 (Zoom) from 1 – 3pm (SK time). Sign up for a zoom link to attend the event virtually - A Conversation with Sophia Gebreyes Tickets, Sat, Jan 31, 2026 at 2:00 PM Eventbrite</p>
	<p>SK SYNOD Camp - Winter Youth Retreat Youth ages 12-17 - offline weekend with snow & grace. Dallas Valley Ranch, Regina, February 27 – March 1; \$185/person https://form.jotform.com/250645994740264</p>
	<p>Kinasao Activities - go to kinasao.ca for more information and all upcoming activities: February 1: Daily Campsite Reservations Open February 6-8: Fill Your Freezer Retreat February 20-22: Marriage Retreat February 28: Family Ski Event</p>



Prayer Requests

- Prayer of thanks for the hiring of a teacher for the second semester.
- Pray for our basketball, wrestling, curling, and esports teams throughout their seasons.
- Pray for God's direction as we move through our Feasibility Study for new Food Services and Physical Training Buildings.

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

Introduction: *Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

GREETING: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

KYRIE (ELWp.184)

HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW#844 ‘Praise to the Lord’)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Children’s Time

WORD

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

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9: 1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 4:12-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 4th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sermon: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#817 'You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore'

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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick (*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, Jean, Audrey, and all those we name aloud or in our hearts. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **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#798 'Will You Come and Follow Me' (vs.1,5)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, as you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever. *(sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#870 'We Praise You, O God'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

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