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

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February 8, 2026 @ 10:30am – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Choir Practice in the Sanctuary (9:30am)
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:

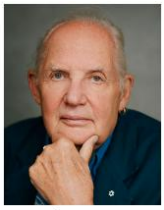
We pray for all within our fellowship who are unwell or nearing the end of their life. We pray for their healing and peace. Our prayers go out to all those who weep for loved ones remembered and no longer by our side. May the blessed arms of Christ gather us in and enfold with love and compassion as we grieve those who's race is finished.

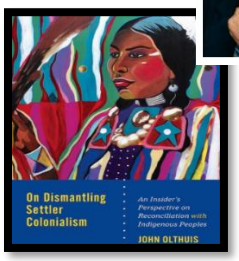
UPCOMING @ MESSIAH

Messiah Choir – Lent / Easter (6 weeks)	You are invited to participate in Messiah's choir which will gather over the next six weeks, starting this coming Sunday. Join them each Sunday at 9:30am for choir practice; the choir will sing at the Palm and Easter Sunday Services. All are welcome!
Caring Ministry & Community Service	- **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.**
Bible Studies (Peace Chapel or via Zoom)	**Weekly on Wednesday at 7pm –** Zoom ID: 885 6495 2469 & Passcode: 518446 **https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564952469?pwd=yAY3S5UwbKXH7MLDyTJxTLN0IpkcrZ.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 **@ 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 …

	SK Synod congregations and LutherCare Communities have come together to give back to our Saskatchewan communities. We are collecting money for TeleMiracle 50 (February 28-March 1) in Saskatoon A donation sheet is available on the Narthex table. Donations can be made by cash or cheque (payable to KINSMEN TELEMIRACLE) or to: https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E370151QE&id=1&cfifid=35 (credit card). Write your name on a Helping Hands - 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 at Messiah until February 8; or online until February 28.**
	Interdenominational Lenten Lunches will begin Thursday, February 19 (12-1pm) hosted at Calvary United Church (114 – 25 Street East). The lunches (soup, sandwich and reflection) will be held every Thursday until April 2. **Messiah will provide lunch on Thursday, April 2.** If you can volunteer to make soup / sandwiches and/or help with serving and clean up, please contact Cheryl (306.961.2967).
ELCIC Conversations Across the Church – *Mark your calendars for February 22.*	**Join ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer as we begin our Lenten journey and reflect on the 40th anniversary since the formation of our church: where have we been, where are we today, and how is God calling us forward as we seek to be a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love* for the next 40 years. Webinar Registration - Zoom**
	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
	Kinasao Activities - go to kinasao.ca for a complete list of activities: **February 1**: Daily Campsite Reservations Open **February 20-22**: Marriage Retreat **February 28**: Family Ski Event





Thursday, February 12, 3pm (CST). Join a conversation with *John Olthuis*, prominent Indigenous rights lawyer and member of the Order of Canada. His book calls for a shift from assimilation to true reconciliation by empowering Indigenous nations to self-govern, reclaim their lands, and live by their own values. Drawing on five decades of activism, he shows how dismantling colonialism can lead to healing for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Join the livestream at www.commonword.ca/go/4398.

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

Introduction: *Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

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' vs.1)

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
1 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to
the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they
were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me
righteous judgments; they want God on their side. 3 "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble
ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your
workers. 4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do
today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is
it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day
acceptable to the LORD? 6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the
straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread
with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and
not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing
shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
9a Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."[9b If you
remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to
the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be
like the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make
your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be
called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-9 [10]
1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!
2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
5 It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
6 For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
[10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.]

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. 14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]
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 5:13-20
The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
[Jesus said:] 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the

law until all is accomplished. [19] Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20] For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#715 'Christ, Be Our Light'

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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Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving *(especially)* **Helen, Savannah**, **Lyla, Ken, Annette & Dennis, Daryl, Larissa/Taylor & family**, **Len**, **Dick, Treasa, Diana**, **Leon**, **Sheila**, **Waynne, Pearl, Stanley, Michelle, Trudy, Rose**, **Barb**, **Rose, Sheila, Sharon, Jean**, **Audrey,** and all those we name aloud or in our hearts. 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, yet 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#677 'This Little Light of Mine'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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