



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

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March 1, 2026 @ 10:30am – Second Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut Musician: Colleen Bowen
 Worship Assistants: Byron Bender, Merv Bender, George Cramer, Jean Meyers, Garry Miller

Choir Practice (Sanctuary @ 9:30am)
Coffee before the Service (Peace Chapel)
Sunday School (during the Service)



The Service is on YouTube (MessiahLutheranChurchPrinceAlbert @ 10:30am; posted 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.



UPCOMING @ MESSIAH

Potluck Lunch	 <p>...will be held on Sunday, March 8, following the service. All are welcome, and are invited to bring something to share.</p>
Messiah Choir Lent / Easter (6 weeks)	<p>Join the Messiah's choir; with practice every Sunday at 9:30am. The choir will sing at the <u>Palm and Easter Sunday Services.</u> All are welcome!</p> 
Caring Ministry & Community Service	<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.
Bible Studies (Peace Chapel or via Zoom)	<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=t0A2kA5mg58xSGnD5lQpzOSenfuNjR.1</p>
Coffee & Conversation	<p>An informal gathering on the first and third Thursdays (next March 5) @ 10am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!</p>
<p>Confirmation Classes: Contact Pastor John (306.961.0877)</p>	
Senior Home Services	<p>Monthly: Mont St. Joseph Home (first Wednesday); Points West Living (first Thursday); Good Shepherd Villas (second Tuesday). Pineview Terrance (fourth Wednesday)</p>

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

	<p>Interdenominational Lenten Lunches: every Thursday until April 2 from 12-1pm, hosted at Calvary United Church (114 – 25 Street East): soup, sandwich and reflection. Messiah will provide lunch on Thursday, April 2. Sign on the sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to make soup / sandwiches and/or help serving and clean up,</p>
<p>CLWR <small>CLWR's Journey Through Lent clwr.org/lemen-journey</small></p>  <p><i>Journey Through Lent</i> clwr.org/lenten-journey</p>	<p>This Lent, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) invites you to come on a Lenten journey of reflection, action and hope. Each of these short studies will focus on a theme — Hunger, Safety, Well-Being, Identity, Loss, Community, Nature and Faith — and reflect on how these issues shape our lives, our communities, and our world. Through scripture, discussion, and action, we will consider how God calls us to respond with justice, compassion, and hope.</p>
	<p>Rev. Bruce Ehlert, a Lutheran pastor in Saskatoon has created an email devotional series for the season of Lent. Early each morning through Lent and Holy Week, he will email you a concise prayer, scripture reading, and a picture to ponder. To participate, send an email with “subscribe” in the subject line to prayer@hbehlert.com</p>
<p>LENT 2026 Prayer Vigils</p>	<p>Prayer Vigils for Climate Justice – Lent 2026 <u>Each Tuesday evening during Lent, 7:00-7:30 pm, CST, the ELCIC and its synods are hosting a Prayer Vigil for Climate justice. Feb. 24, and March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31.</u> Please register here to join the vigils live and/or to receive a link to the recording.</p>
	<p>Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) has a new book that offers a different conversation about refugees and migrants in Canada titled <i>A Renewed Canadian Welcome - Eleven Visions from Migrants and Advocates</i>. Born of the work of CPJ, <i>A Renewed Canadian Welcome</i> is a must-read for those advocating for human rights in immigration policy. It is a compelling call to reimagine Canada’s approach to immigration as one that affirms dignity, equity, and justice for all. For more information on this, go to A Renewed Canadian Welcome Book – Buy Now CPJ</p>
<p>Conversations Across the Church</p> 	<p>The recording of our second <u>Conversations Across the Church</u> event held on February 22 is now available! Thank you to everyone who joined us! We are grateful for the time you’ve given to gather in worship and reflection with our wider church community! You can watch the video recording on our website when you click here.</p> <p>The next Conversations Across the Church event is taking place on Mar 24, 2026. Visit our website to register!</p>

Saskatoon (and Area) **Stephen Ministry** is planning a **30 year reunion in June 2026**. We are looking for past and present Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders and care receivers to contact us. You can like and follow our Facebook Page [@Saskatoon Stephen Ministry 30 year Reunion](#) or message/email me with your current contact information at Fran Seidler, franseidler29@gmail.com 306-280-0549. Please forward to anyone who may not have received this notice. We also want to remember those who have served but gone before us. Details will come available as they unfold. Looking forward to this!

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

Introduction: *During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#335 'Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross'

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 (ELWp.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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may live up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

WORD

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

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹ The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW[.188])

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word. Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

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

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#323 'God Loved the World'

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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss.

Especially we pray for Helen, Savannah, Lyla, Ken, 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 silence in our hearts.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

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

THANKSGIVING & MEAL

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#803 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' (vs.1,2,4)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

In great love and wisdom, O God, you created this universe, making the stars to dance and the light to sing, the seas to roar and the waves to leap, the animals to thrive and the plants to flourish.

You made humankind to be your children, so that we may walk and talk with you, as the inheritors of your creation. But we sought freedom and gained bondage to sin.

We sought wisdom and found lies. We sought life and found death. Like rebellious children we ran from your presence; distanced ourselves from you and denied our heritage.

In even greater love you let us go, only to reach out to us through your Word, Jesus Christ, who, offering us restoration and healing and life, on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this as often as you eat and drink in remembrance of me."

After the supper, Jesus also took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, "Take and drink, this is cup is my blood which is shed for the many for the forgiveness of sin. Drink all of it in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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: God's grace has called us here, return to the Lord and partake of the feast for all ages. **Amen.**

Music during Communion: Instrumental

Prayer after Communion: God has filled you with the Holy Spirit and nourished you with the body and blood of Christ Jesus at this feast of love. May you become God's upright cup of blessing spilling out God's gifts to all the world. Go in peace and joy knowing you are a child of God. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

May the God of love and grace keep you safe. May the God of comfort and healing hold you close. May the God of peace and joy fill your heart. *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#638 'Blessed Assurance'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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