

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

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Worship Service – May 3, 2026 @ 10:30am – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

**Come for coffee before the Worship Service in the Peace Chapel
 Sunday School during the Service**

Potluck Lunch following the Service – please bring something to share....



The Service is Live on YouTube ([MessiahLutheranChurchPrinceAlbert](#)) @ 10:30am; posted for later viewing

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

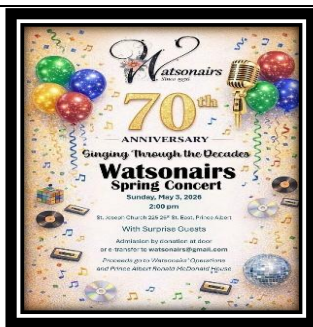
We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



UPCOMING @ MESSIAH

What's happening in May?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'New to You': a table will be set up in the closet section of the narthex. If you have household or collectible items that may be of use or interest to others in our congregation or their friends, please bring them to Messiah. This may be a fun way to recycle! - Potluck Lunch – May 3 following the service - Confirmation & Baptism – May 24 @ 10:30am
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
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</p> <p>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	<p>An informal gathering on the first and third Thursdays (next May 7) @ 10am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!</p>

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



Watsonairs' 70th Anniversary Spring Concert

**'Singing Through The Decades' - Sunday, May 3 @ 2pm
St. Joseph Church, 225 – 25 Street East**

**Admission by donation at the door or e-transfer to
watsonairs@gmail.com**

Proceeds go to the Watsonairs operations and Prince Albert Ronald McDonald House.



Worship and Music Symposium, Christ Lutheran Church, Regina, May 7 to 9.

Featuring a great group of presenters: Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, National Bishop ELCIC; Dr. Joy Berg; Rev. Kristian Wold; Ben Johnston-Urey; Neil Cockburn, and Rev. Dennis Henrickson. Free Community Events: Hymn Fest on May 7, and a Mysterium service on May 8. **For more information and/or to register, go to:**

<https://clcregina.ca/Symposium.htm>



ELCIC Day of Action

This year marks 40 years in the life of our church! This milestone invites us to remember our story, also to reflect on who we are today and how God is calling us forward as a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love*. One of the key moments to celebrate this milestone is the **ELCIC Day of Action on Sunday, May 31**. We are invited to join with congregations across the ELCIC in stepping beyond our church walls and engaging in acts of service in our community. ***If you have any ideas about what we can do at Messiah, please talk to a Messiah Council member.***



To find out more, visit the [ELCIC Day of Action website](#). One way of celebrating the 40th anniversary of the ELCIC is by wearing an **ELCIC t-shirt** during the May 31 ELCIC Day of Action. Interested in ordering t-shirts for your congregation (or yourself)?

For more info, go to: <https://elcic.ca/dayofaction/t-shirts/>



WORKING TOGETHER: SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN OF THE ELCJHL SCHOOLS

Despite ongoing devastation and uncertainty, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) continues to demonstrate resilience and faith.

A Message of Hope from the Holy Land: Even as the calendar moves beyond Easter Sunday, the promise of resurrection continues to speak into our daily lives. In a recent Easter video message, students from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) schools share a powerful witness of hope - lifting their voices in faith amid ongoing uncertainty. To watch this Easter video, please [click here](#). Or go to [Easter Video ELCJHL Schools Updated.mp4 - Google Drive](#)



May 5: National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S (Red Dress Day)

Tuesday, May 5 marks the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S). It's a day to honour lives lost and to hold space for grieving families standing alongside Indigenous communities who continue to call for justice, safety and recognition. Across the country, red dresses and ribbons are hung as symbols of remembrance and witness - signs that point to a deeper reality of ongoing injustice. To learn more: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/being-community/indigenous-ministries/mmiwg-final-report-and-calls-justice>

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds, we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

GATHERING:

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heavenly blessed sing:

Christ has triumphed! He is living!

Be all the glory to Creator, Jesus Christ, and Spirit blessed;

Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GATHERING SONG: ELW#525 'You Are Holy'

GREETING (ELWp.184)

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.184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of the commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life. **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: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the

Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#758 ‘You Are the Way’

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

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick (*especially*) **Ken, Daryl, Larissa/Taylor & family, Dick, Treasa, Diana, Leon, Sheila, Wayne, Pearl, Stanley, Rose, Rose, Sheila, Sharon, Jean, Audrey,** and all those we name aloud or in our heart. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

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

MEAL & THANKSGIVING

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#388 ‘Be Not Afraid’ (x2)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion: Come to the table of new life. Receive the Risen Lord.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

Prayer after Communion:

Let us Pray: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#535 'Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!