

## Messiah Lutheran Church

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While the office is closed, it is staffed Wednesday – Friday; 9am – 4pm  
If you have an immediate need, call Cheryl at 306.961.2967

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### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 26, 2020

Online Worship Service starting at 10:30 am, available on the Messiah Facebook page, and YouTube channel. For those without internet access, a telephone conference call is provided beginning at 10:15 am each Sunday. Call the office for the phone access information. All are welcome!

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**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.

Our condolences to Grant Soloducha on the passing of his father, Sam, on July 16. A graveside service was held on July 21. Please keep Grant and the Soloducha family in your prayers.

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**Messiah Ministry:** Pastor Fran returns from vacation on July 29. If you require assistance, please contact the office by phone or email from Wednesday – Friday, or Cheryl at 306.961.2967 or [cbauerhyde@gmail.com](mailto:cbauerhyde@gmail.com) if you have an immediate need.

Online worship services will continue until the end of August, including virtual Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of August. In-person services are suspended, and the office will remain closed except for essential services (finance, maintenance, etc.).

You are encouraged to reach out to others if you are able; contact information is in the Messiah directory. Share news, say hello, provide updates for any special events by phoning or emailing the office to be included in the weekly news / worship bulletin.

**Council news:** Council meets on August 4. A working group will prepare for in-person services starting later in August and, when possible, fellowship gatherings.

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In addition to Messiah's Online Worship Services, our faith can be supported and strengthened through:

- ❖ Wednesday coffee chat at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call.
  - ❖ To request a weekly printed or emailed news/worship bulletin, ELW (red book) hymnal for home use, Eternity for Today daily devotion booklet, please contact the church office.
  - ❖ The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team: if you would like a call or have a need of spiritual support, please contact the church office.
  - ❖ Online Worship and other resources such as Vacation Bible School and Bible Studies:
    - Listing provided on ELCIC national website, with a link on the SK Synod website - <https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>
    - Lutheran, Moose Jaw, radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.
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Thank you for all the ways you continue to support Messiah – your prayers and concern for our Messiah family are greatly appreciated. Financial donations can be made through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, Canada Helps, mail, drop off at the office mailbox, or pick up from your home – call the office for details.

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#### **Camp Kinasao News:**

Day Camp: August 3-6 (Ages 5-13)

QuaranTEEN Camp: August 9 (ages 14-16)

Adult & Family Canoe Trips: North SK River (August 21 – 24); McLennan Lake (September 11 – 14)

Sunday Worship services begin at 11 am. Due to the limited capacity to comply with COVID-19 guidelines, attendees are asked to register in advance. Please visit the Kinasao website to register, see the schedule of pastors leading the services, and to learn more about the guidelines that will be in place.

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**Elections Saskatchewan - 2020 Provincial Election:** Working an election is a great way to reconnect with friends, grow your network, meet your neighbours, and get paid! For those interested in working election day or during advance voting, please register on: [elections.sk.ca/takepart](https://elections.sk.ca/takepart). Returning officers will begin calling potential workers closer to election day.

Youth Workers 16 years of age: earn some money, gain some meaningful work experience, get some hands-on learning and build a resume. Youth who are interested can apply at: [elections.sk.ca/youthworker](https://elections.sk.ca/youthworker).

COVID19 has a significant impact on the work to prepare for the provincial election. Elections Saskatchewan is committed to the health and safety of workers and the voting public. Guidelines are currently being developed by Elections Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Officer. If you have any questions you can visit [elections.sk.ca](https://elections.sk.ca), or contact: **Dave Linden**, Returning Officer – Prince Albert Carlton, [ro26@elections.sk.ca](mailto:ro26@elections.sk.ca), 306.930.8722.

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## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### WORD

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

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings.

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."  
<sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:129-136

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**MEDITATION** – Bishop Michael

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #663 – *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word***

**OFFERING PRAYER**

We pray for gifts that have been given to continue the ministry of the church.

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem so small an offering in thanksgiving for all you have done. Make an abundance of all that is given, so that those who are in need or want in any way may have the physical, emotional and spiritual support that is needed. Bless these gifts and those who give them, that we may be a blessing to the world in this time of uncertainty. We pray this in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, praying Lord in your mercy and responding, **hear our prayer.**

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In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING**

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG ELW #550 – *On What Has Now Been Sown***

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**