

Messiah Lutheran Church

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For the week of September 1, the office will be open Tuesday – Friday from 10am – 4pm, on a limited basis for church related activity. Please note that the use of hand sanitizer and masks will be required for anyone entering the office with the exception of the church staff and financial volunteers.

THIRTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 30, 2020

Worship Service (in-person) starts at 10:30am. Please pre-register by phoning or emailing the office, and leaving a message. Saskatchewan Health and SK Synod guidelines regarding physical distancing and adjustments to the worship service will be followed. In addition, masks will be worn and will be provided if you do not have one.

The service will be recorded and available on the Messiah Facebook page and YouTube channel by 4:00 pm on Sunday. For those without internet access, details regarding telephone conference call access are being developed. Call the office for the phone access information.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns: Prayers 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.

YOUTH Mark your calendar for our first Joint Youth Activity with St. Alban's Cathedral and St. David's Anglican youth! It will be Saturday afternoon, September 19.
& More info to come!

CONFIRMATION Confirmation will start on September 20, with a zoom call for all parents & youth and will meet weekly on Sundays from 7-8 pm. The Zoom Link will be sent out by mail and email, or you can call into the office to receive the link.

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

- ❖ Wednesday coffee chat at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call. Call the office for details.
- ❖ The September – December Eternity for Today daily devotion booklet is available. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.

- ❖ 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 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.



Camp Kinasao Adult & Family Canoe Trip: McLennan Lake (September 11 – 14). Experience the great outdoors on this guided canoe trip, and wrap up your summer in an exciting and fulfilling way! To learn more and to register, phone or visit the Kinasao website.



Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 30, at Faith Lutheran Church, 2801 Preston Avenue, Saskatoon, starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending at approximately at 8:00 p.m. COVID-19 protocols will apply. Please bring your mask.

The 2020 Bulletin of Reports is available -www.luminhos.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-BULLETIN-OF-REPORTS-.pdf

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.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE SONG: ELW #838 'Beautiful Saviour' vs. 3 & 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON – ‘COUNTING THE COST’

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #808 ‘Lord Jesus, You Shall be my Song’ vs. 1 & 3

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;
look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray for gifts that have been given to continue the ministry of the church. Let us pray.
God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing. Amen.

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. Amen.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #875 'Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord' (sing twice)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.