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The Messiah office hours this week: Tuesday & Wednesday 1-5pm, Thursday & Friday 10-2pm.

Pastor Fran will be on Study Leave from September 9 –15

Worship for Sunday, September 12th, 2021
16th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B

Sunday Worship Service, in person and live broadcast on-line, begins at 10:30am. Pre-registration is not required and the wearing of masks is optional. Hand sanitizing is encouraged, and offering is collected as you enter the Sanctuary. The service is taped for later viewing on the Messiah Facebook page and website.

This Week: Worship Service at Good Shepherd on Thurs September 16th @ 2:30pm.
All are welcome to join.

Next Sunday:

September 19:

Sept 19th – Blessings of the Backpacks & Briefcases during Worship Service.
At 7pm - Confirmation Begins on Zoom.

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| UPCOMING EVENTS – THINGS TO NOTE |
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3rd Annual WALK-A-THON– Saturday, September 18
Gather at Zion Lutheran, Saskatoon, at 10am or do a virtual walk. For more information please go to the “LuMinHoS” website.

Lectionary Bible Study: will start again on Wednesdays, at 7pm on Zoom and in person. Call, text, or email Pastor Fran to receive the link. All are welcome to join in the conversation and study!

Book Discussion: There's still time to read the book “WHITE FRAGILITY”. In October there will be a discussion on Zoom. The book can be borrowed from the local library or from Cheryl Bauer Hyde. It is also available to order from Amazon.ca, or to purchase in bookstores in Saskatoon.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#519 "Open Your Ears"

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: ELW, p. 184

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#808 "Lord, Jesus, you Shall be My Song"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
 and listened to my supplication,
²for the LORD has given ear to me
 whenever I called.
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
 I came to grief and sorrow.
⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
 "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
 our God is full of compassion.
⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
 I was brought low, and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
 for the LORD has dealt well with you.
⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
 my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;
⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
 in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From

the same mouth, come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh. Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark in the eighth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: National Bishop, Susan Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#798 "Will You Come and Follow Me" vs.1, 3 & 5

APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYER

God blesses us through prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, praying Lord in your mercy, and responding hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#583 "Take My Life, That I May Be" vs. 3&4

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.