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Worship for Sunday, September 19th, 2021  
17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

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- Today: Confirmation @ 7 pm by Zoom
  - Coming Up: A Youth & Family Fun Day at the Corn Maze near Rosthern. Sunday, October 3, 2-4pm, we will meet at 2pm for a short devotion before entering the maze.
  - Wednesday: Lectionary Bible Study by Zoom & in-person @ 7pm
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Messiah's Education Team is looking for additional members to be a part of the planning and dreaming for Sunday School, Youth, Confirmation and Adult Christian Education ministries. If you are interested or would like further information please speak with Pastor Fran, Merv Bender, or Shannon Pettem.

## UPCOMING EVENTS – THINGS TO NOTE

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.

The 2021 Luther Lecturer is Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary General of Religions for Peace. The title of her lecture is "Religions and the Pandemic: Sobering or Hopeful?" Religions for Peace works to transform violent conflict, advance human development, promote just and harmonious societies, and protect the earth. This virtual lecture is on September 27 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to register for this virtual event, please go to [www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture](http://www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture).



- Prayer of thanks for 81 students and counting.
- Pray for good sportsmanship as our athletic season starts.
- Pray for the upcoming Homecoming: October 15-16 (years with 1 & 6).
- Pray for the health and well-being of the staff and students of LCBI.
- Pray for LCBI's Upcoming Leadership Retreat

### *Alumni Corner*

Good News, Dear Alumni!

**HOMECOMING 2021** will go forward in-person with President Wayne's blessing!

LCBI is now a Campus of over 100 Staff and Students! 😊  
Knowing that, we want to do our part in following the usual protocol of sanitizing, spacing, and using masks when in close quarters.

Being respectful as guests from outside, we trust that our Alumni, if not fully vaccinated, will get tested for Covid at a Pharmacy before arriving.

Then we can be assured we aren't bringing the virus to others on Campus.

I'm sure that taking these precautions will be well worth being able to be together again! 😊

Praying for God's guidance,  
Linda Langager, Alumni Chair

*(See Registration and Schedule on website under Alumni tab)*

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### GATHERING

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

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#444 "Cradling Children in His Arms"

#### 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.147

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW, p. 149

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition. That we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

#### PSALM 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p.151

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Blessing of Students, Teachers, Backpacks and Briefcases

Leader: Today, we offer a blessing to all who are returning to work and for students and teachers as they begin a new school year. We will also bless the backpacks, briefcases, and book bags that will be carried to and from school by the children, youth, students, and teachers. These backpacks, briefcases, and book bags will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework, marking, or other tasks to complete. They might contain notebooks, pencils, pens, protractors, compasses, crayons, rules, scissors, glue sticks, books and other resources. Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks, briefcases, and book bags, that they will be very heavy. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. They represent the work required and tasks accomplished. We lift these and those who carry them before God, for blessings at this time. The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students and teachers. They are ready to receive your blessing and they commit themselves to study, learning, and teaching in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them and we ask your blessing on these backpacks, briefcases, and book bags. They will hold the school work of each student and teacher. As they are carried from home to school and back again, may those who carry them be reminded that you, O God, go with them on their way. May your love and care surround and support those

returning to work or school throughout this coming year.

We also ask your blessing, O God, on school administrators, staff, and school bus drivers and pray that you bless this new school. We entrust this year, our backpacks, briefcases, and book bags, and especially those who carry them, into your gracious and loving arms, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from United Methodist discipleship.org)

SERMON: "Who is the Greatest?"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#641 "All are Welcome" vs. 1, 3 & 5

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.

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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.

We share a sign of that peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#481 "Come to the Table"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING, ELW, p. 152

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.

PREFACE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW, p.153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
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

All who hunger and thirst, come. Eat, drink and be satisfied. Thanks be to God!

#### COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW#466 "In the Singing"

#### TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto everlasting life. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### SENDING

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

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#545 "Lord Dismiss us with Your Blessing"

#### DISMISSAL

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