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Worship for Sunday, August 21, 2022
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:30am in-person and livestreamed/posted on the Messiah YouTube channel. **Wearing of masks is not required but please respect each individual's choice; Messiah is a mask-friendly environment.** Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged.

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.



Messiah Council Update . . .

Council met on August 15 to review plans for seeking a rostered leader. Discussions are taking place with a potential interim pastor to begin in September. We have updated and reviewed the Messiah Congregational Mission Profile. Following formation of a Call Committee, we anticipate that Bishop Sid Haugen will meet with Council and the Call Committee.

We are seeking members who are interested in serving on the Call Committee. It is expected that the committee will serve for approximately six months beginning in September. If you are interested in serving and/or learning more about the role of the committee, please talk to any of our Council members – Merv, Randi, Alfred, Bill, Jeannette, Ray, Shannon, Cheryl.

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Let us join in prayer as we walk through this time of change and call.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#824 'This Is My Father's World'

GREETING (WOV p. 46)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(2 Corinthians 13:13) **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.**
(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

HYMN OF PRAISE (WOV p. 47)

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

I: **Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

II: **For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed. Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. **O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Deacon Michelle Collins, Assistant to the Bishop, Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#631 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

APOSTLES' 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. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

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 to the dead. 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.** (*Jude 20*)

Keep yourselves in the love of God; **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Jude 21*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!** (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

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

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERING SONG (WOV p. 50)

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth. Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name. Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

OFFERING PRAYER

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**

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer saying Merciful God, and responding **receive our prayer.** . . .

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us: **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.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG ELW#805 'Lead On, O King Eternal!'

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**