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**Worship for Sunday, September 25, 2022**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & Welcome Back Service**

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.



**Welcome Home, Messiah Family!**

It is time to come on home!

We invite you to come...in person... to a special lay service, welcoming our Messiah family back home!

Our Welcome Home service is September 25 @ 10:30 am (as always!).

We can't wait to see the family together again!

**JOIN US FOR BBQ BURGERS IMMEDIATELY**  
**FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

### Council Update & Thank You ...

- Bishop Sid Haugen will join us for the October 2 worship service, at which time Pastor Dan Haugen will be installed as interim rostered leader. Thanks to Pastor Dan for his gift of ministry during this time of transition, and welcome Bishop Sid.
- The Call Committee has been established consisting of seven members: Dave Bragg, Lorne Christopherson, Harvey Jacobsen, Lois Manchur, Ray McCallum, Madison Pettem-Mark, Shannon Pettem. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they conduct the search process for Messiah.
- With regret, Council received Shannon Pettem's resignation as a Council member. Thanks to Shannon for her contributions on Council, and for her continued involvement with the Messiah community.
- Thank you to Colleen Bowen and Linda Moriarty for organizing the Welcome Home special lay service, and to Merv Bender and the Men's Breakfast Group for hosting the BBQ. Please join the Messiah family for worship and a fellowship lunch!!!

- ❖ Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) are invited to observe **September 30** as **Orange Shirt Day**, which marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



"I encourage members of the ELCIC to observe Friday, September 30 as Orange Shirt Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation," says ELCIC National Bishop Susan C. Johnson. "I invite you to make this a day of quiet reflection, learning and/or participation in a community event. The purpose of the day is to promote reconciliation and help ensure that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten."

- ❖ **Reminder from the Canadian Lutheran Magazine:**  
Please think of the Canada Lutheran when interesting things happen in your congregations as you return to semi-normal still in a pandemic but kind of back to before times life. Please email me, Anno Bell, at [clsaskeditor@gmail.com](mailto:clsaskeditor@gmail.com) if you have stories you want to write for us, or articles that would be of interest or inspiration. Let's find our voice and share it with the rest of Canada!
- ❖ **Flooding in Pakistan** – CLWR and the Humanitarian Coalition are rushing assistance to help people in need in Pakistan. Please join us in prayer and consider making a gift to provide water, food and critical supplies. Your gift will be matched by the Government of Canada! To find out more or to donate, please visit [clwr.org/pakistan](http://clwr.org/pakistan) or call 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm CST).

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: Our sins are forgiven and we are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Gathering Song: Come In, Come In and Sit Down (Part of the Family)

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: p.184**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#860 'I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me'**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, **O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, <sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 146

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**


<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12-27

<sup>12</sup>Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by  one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup>Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. <sup>15</sup>Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not

a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.* [Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' " The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN'S STORY**

#### **MEDITATIONS ON COMMUNITY**

**(Chorus): I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the Church together!**

**1 The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.**

**(Chorus): I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the Church together!**

**2 Corinthians 7:5-7** Paul writes in his letter to the people of Corinth:

<sup>5</sup> For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within. <sup>6</sup> But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, <sup>7</sup> and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.

Meditation

**Father, help us experience this Messiah community as home—a place to belong, to rest, to support each other, and to be safe. We pray that we may experience joy among your people here. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**2 We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,  
All colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.**

**(Chorus): I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the Church together!**

### **Galatians 3:26-29**

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Meditation

**Father, help us to remember all that unites us as the family of Messiah Lutheran. Help us to seek unity as we broaden our community in You. Amen.**

**3 Sometimes the Church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,  
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.**

**(Chorus): I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the Church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the Church together!**

### **1 Kings 19:11-13**

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Meditation

**Heavenly Father, we pray that we may continue to be blessed by the moments of community we share within our Messiah community. We pray that as we continue to gather in person, we may be reminded of the joys of community and the blessings we give and receive as a part of this community.**

**4 And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,  
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:**

**(Chorus): I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the Church together!**

### **Ephesians 2:19-22**

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

5 I count if I am ninety, or nine or just a baby;

There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe;

(Chorus): I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world! Yes, we're the Church together!

### APOSTLES' 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.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation saying God of grace, and responding **hear our prayer**.

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Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.**

### OFFERING HYMN: ELW#659 'Will You Let Me Be Your Servant'

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

### SENDING

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

### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless us with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide us always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen**.

### CLOSING HYMN: ELW#641 'All Are Welcome'

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**