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Worship for Sunday October 23, 2022
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:30 am in-person and livestreamed/posted on the Messiah YouTube channel. **Wearing of masks is not required but Messiah is a mask-friendly environment for those that choose to wear masks.** Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged. **Water is off within the building, with limited access to washrooms (pails of water are generally available for emergency purposes flushing).** All are welcome to join in pre-service coffee time in the Peace Chapel.

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.



† **Condolences to Betty and Ken Haugen and their family on the loss of Betty's sister, *Jane Kacher*.** Jane passed away on October 14. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane's family as they mourn their much loved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Messiah Council Update . . .

- Thanks to Pastor Dan Haugen who is serving as our interim rostered leader. The Call Committee [Dave Bragg (Chair), Lorne Christopherson, Harvey Jacobsen, Lois Manchur, Madison Pettem, Shannon Pettem] has met with Bishop Sid Haugen, beginning their work to identify potential rostered ministers for Messiah.
- The Property Management Ministry Team (chair Wayne Hyde) completed restoration and painting of several window frames and other general maintenance. The repairs to the portion of the roof over the Peace Chapel are complete. Consultation with the insurance company is underway in order to determine the coverage and repair process related to the water main break. Please contact Wayne if you have any questions. Thanks to Dennis and Elaine Serfas for their care of the flower beds and grounds over the past months.
- After many years of faithful service our Accountant Garry Reinhardt has indicated that he would like to retire. We are looking for someone to provide these services for Messiah; please contact Cheryl (306.961.2967) if you or someone you know would be interested in this position. Thanks to Garry and for his willingness to provide ongoing support.

We need your help in these areas:

- **Do you have children/grand children who are interested in Sunday School? Are you willing to help with a Sunday School program?**
- **Do you have youth who are interested in Confirmation? We are contacting other congregations regarding a possible partnership for a confirmation program but welcome your thoughts and ideas.**

Please contact Lisa at the Messiah office by phone or email, and/or talk to any of our Council members – Merv, Randi, Bill, Jeannette, Ray, Cheryl – with your ideas, questions, comments or areas where you might. We continue in prayer during this time of transition.

- Pray for the health and well-being of the staff and students of LCBI.
 - We are now in the long stretch to Christmas Holidays
- Prayer of thanks for an excellent Homecoming hosted by our Alumni Association.
 - Nobody puts on a Homecoming like LCBI.
- Pray for growth in donations.
 - We reach over 1700 people each week through Campus Clips
- We look to each recipient to consider a monthly donation
 - \$83 / month creates a \$1000 /year receipt donation

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An Open Invitation to "For the Sake of the Gospel" Webinars

Remembering Today for the Church of Tomorrow invites you to an online webinar series titled:

**"For the Sake of the Gospel" October 25, 5:30 – 7:30pm (SK) for Part One; and
November 16, 3:30 – 5:30 (SK) for Part Two.**

These two webinars deal with Inter-Lutheran Confessional Lutheranism and will feature Gordon Jensen teaching on the importance of our calling as a church to proclaim the Gospel, and the tradition of Lutheran "Free Conferences" that have been very helpful in Canada, and which often laid the groundwork for what we would now call inter-Lutheran initiatives. To register or sign-up for these online events, please go to

<https://canadianlutheranhistory.ca>.

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.

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: your sins are forgiven and you 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, Christians, Join to Sing'

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. 203)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness.

Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. ⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? ⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

Psalm 84:1-7

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

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

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Jane Gingrich, Hills of Peace Lutheran Church, Kamloops, BC

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#592 ‘Just As I Am, without One Plea’

APOSTLES’ CREED (ELW p. 206)

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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation saying Hear us, O God and responding **Your mercy is great.**

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With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING SONG: WOV#732 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

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 you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: 'He Leadeth Me'

DISMISSAL

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