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Worship for Sunday August 20, 2023 @ 10:30am
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Sunday Worship Services are at **10:30am**, in-person and livestreamed,
on the Messiah YouTube channel (posted for later viewing).

Wearing of masks is not required but Messiah is a mask-friendly environment.

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 the family and friends of Wilfred (Willy) Klarenbach, including his sister Kaye Senum and brother Carl Klarenbach. Willy passed away on August 7; a memorial service will be held at Gray's Funeral Chapel on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 10:00am. Matthew 5:4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.'

Betty and Morris have moved to Brandon, closer to immediate family. Morris served on Council, and as the Council Chairperson for a number of years. A farewell card will be available for messages over the next few weeks at the worship services, and at the Messiah office. If you are unable to come to Messiah, please phone / email your message to the Messiah Office to be added to the card. Betty and Morris will be greatly missed here in the Messiah congregation, and at the Good Shepherd Villas worship services.

Messiah Council Update

Pastor John's installation was a wonderful celebration and gathering which included Bishop Sid Haugen, Assistant to the Bishop Ali Tote, Pastor John's family and friends, rostered leaders, and the Messiah family. Pastor John has been contacting Messiah members and others in the community. With the assistance of Jean, monthly services have resumed at Points West Living and Good Shepherd Villas. Thanks to Pastor Dennis and Elaine for providing these services over the past months.

Sermon notes: As an interim measure for those people who are having problems understanding all of the sermon, a few paper copies of the sermon will be available after the service. *We also encourage those with access to YouTube on the internet, to listen to the sermon portion of the service as the consistent volume of the recording enables better understanding.*

Property Management: Trees have been cleaned up, weeds have been sprayed and windows on the north have been caulked and painted. The sprinkler system is in the process of being repaired, and then the hole from the water repair by the building will be replaced. Janitorial service is doing well, and SHARE provides great lawn and snow service. Maintenance at Spruce Home cemetery has included removal of downed trees and confirming burial plots. Our water repair insurance claim has been raised to another level but is still a work in progress.

Fall Scheduling: Plans are being discussed for confirmation classes, Sunday School, youth group, bible studies, outreach to post-secondary students, building indigenous awareness, Stephen Ministries, and the Women's and Men's gatherings. The Men's Retreat will be held at Kinasao Bible Camp on the weekend of October 13 – 15. Upcoming event details will be provided in the weekly bulletins and a newsletter later in September.

Volunteers Needed: If you have any ideas / suggestions or would like to be involved in planning and supporting congregational activities and events, please let any Council members know or contact Cheryl (306.961.2967 / cbauerhyde@gmail.com). Ongoing worship assistants are needed for each Sunday; if you can help please sign on the sheet in the entry (Narthex) or phone/email Lisa in the Messiah office (306.763.7374; messiah@sasktel.net).

Mark your calendar: The September potluck lunch following the Sunday Service will be on September 10.

<p>Seeking Room & Board Accommodation: An intern teacher is looking for <u>room and board accommodation</u> from September to December 2023. She is assigned to Vincent Massey School. If you or someone you know is interested, please phone/email the Messiah office; or contact May Janzen @ 306-960-4140.</p>
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

INTRODUCTION, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#641 'All Are Welcome'

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)

1. **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**
2. **Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**
3. **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)

1. **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
2. **Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**
3. **Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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: Matthew 15 [10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."] ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and

started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

THEME OF THE WEEK: Our Persistence grants our request before God.

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is persistent in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins, refugees and new immigrants in our midst.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#759 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation, saying: Hear us, O God, and responding **Your mercy is great.**

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Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: WOV#732 'Create in Me A Clean Heart'

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **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.**

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

Table Blessing:

The body and blood of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ Strengthen your faith, keep you in his Love, and brings you to life everlasting. Go in Peace and with Joy.

Let us pray: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#886 'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

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