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<b>Messiah Office: Tuesday – Thursday (12 noon – 3pm)</b>	

**Worship for Sunday August 27, 2023 @ 10:30am**  
**Thirteenth 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.

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**Betty and Morris Anderson** 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.

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**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 Meyers, monthly services have resumed at Points West Living and Good Shepherd Villas. Thanks to Pastor Dennis and Elaine Serfas 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](mailto: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](mailto:messiah@sasktel.net)).

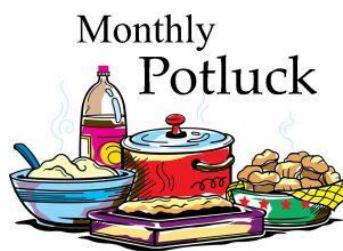
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**LUMINHOS WALK 2023** – The Annual LuMinHoS **Walk-a-thon Fundraiser** will take place on **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am**. Please mark your calendar and plan to be part of our walk-a-thon!

Our picturesque walk will start out from Zion Lutheran Church, cross over to Gabriel Dumont park then proceed along the river, through River Landing on to the Chinese Pagoda, approximately a brisk 15 – 20 min walk. From the Pagoda one can turn around and walk back to the church along the same route or one can add to their Cardio workout by walking up to the street side and walking along Spadina Cres., past the "Farmers Market", east down 19<sup>th</sup> Street back to Zion. We estimate the walk to take about 35 – 55 minutes depending on what pace one wants to walk. We look forward to seeing you and receiving your pledge sheets at Zion Lutheran Church by 10:00 AM September 16. Thank you for your support and hope you enjoy the walk.

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



**Seeking Room & Board Accommodation:** An intern teacher is looking for room and board accommodation 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.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

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

#### Introduction

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

#### CONFESSION & 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.**

*Silence may be kept for reflection.*

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.**

*Silence may be kept for reflection.*

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#525 'You are Holy'

#### 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. 184)

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord**  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

1. **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
2. **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
3. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. **The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's*

*grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 188)

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

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor John –"Christ gave us all the privilege of proclaiming the Gospel to the world."**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW#654 'The Church's One Foundation'

**APOSTLE'S 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. **Your mercy is great. *A brief silence.***

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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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. **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.** *We share a sign of that peace.*

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING HYMN:** ELW#692 'We Are an Offering'

## 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.**

## 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. **Amen. Amen. Amen.** (sung)

**SENDING SONG:** ELW#576 'We All Are One in Mission'

## DISMISSAL

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

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