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**Messiah Office: Tuesday – Friday (11am– 3pm) \* Take note of change**

**Worship for Sunday September 3, 2023 @ 10:30am**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost / ELW Setting Eight**

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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.**

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**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.



**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 is available for messages the next few weeks at the worship services, and 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.

We also say farewell and God's peace to **Gordon Dixon** who also will be moving at the end of this week to Lethbridge. Gordon's presence, as was Diana's prior to her passing, was a gift to the Messiah congregation during their time with us.

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## Coming Up:

Monthly



### Potluck

➤ **September 10 – Potluck Lunch** – following the Worship Service. All are invited to bring a cold lunch item (sandwiches, salads, vegetable trays, etc., and of course, desserts) to join in a meal of fellowship. All are welcome to help set up and assist with cleanup.

- **Blessings of the Backpacks** during service.

➤ **September 17 - Communion Service**

- **Coffee Time** will begin again with one major change. We will be offering a coffee before and after service. Please try to stay after the Worship Service and join us for some great discussions, a chance to catch up with the Messiah family and/or get to know someone new.



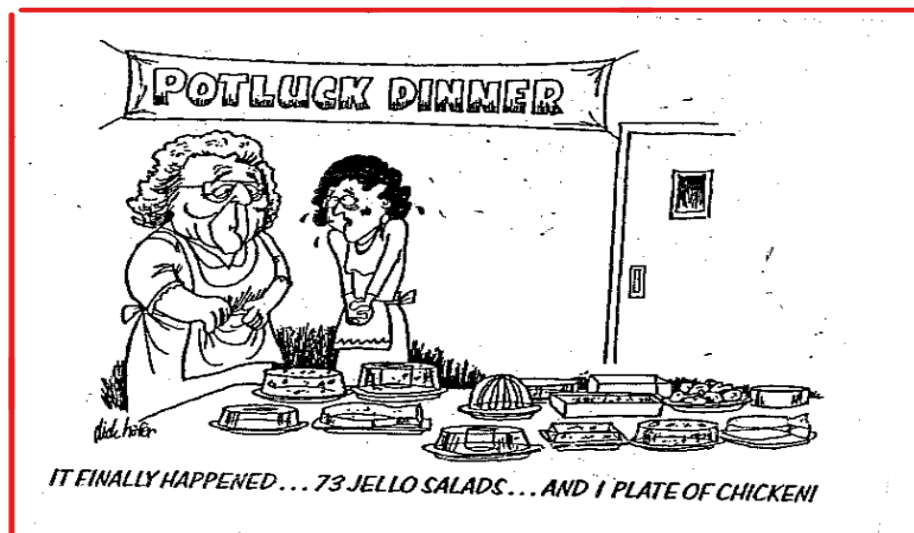
- **September 19 Bible Study** – Will be held by Pastor John in the Peace Chapel @ 7pm once/month on Tuesdays, September thru June. Theme will be: **“The Names of God”**. Everyone is welcome to attend for discussion and enrichment of the Word.
- **September 30 - Men’s Ministry** – last Saturday of the month @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday School, Youth Ministry and Confirmation plans** are all in the works. Please if you would like to be involved or having any kids/youth who you would like to sign up to partake in all or either of these ministries, contact Pastor John at (639)-384-8745 (cell) / (306)-763-7374 (work) or [pastor.mlc@sasktel.net](mailto:pastor.mlc@sasktel.net) / [amukpiny@gmail.com](mailto:amukpiny@gmail.com)
  - We hope to have everyone signed up by the end of September in order to complete the confirmation year.

**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)). Thank you to all those who have assisted and continue to serve.

**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 picturesque walk from Zion Lutheran Church, cross over to Friendship 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 Zion along the same route or add to their Cardio workout by walking up to the street side and walking along Spadina Crescent, past the “Farmers Market”, east down 19 Street 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 your pledge sheets at Zion Lutheran Church by 10:00am September 16. Pledge sheets are available in the Messiah narthex (entry).

**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.



## **GATHERING**

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

### **Introduction**

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** ELW#879 'For the Beauty of the Earth'

### **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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**WORD**

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

**First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 26:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. 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 16:21-28**

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

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Rev. Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop, Worship (video)

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW#798 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

### **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**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors, saying Merciful God, and responding **receive your prayer.**

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Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **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 power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING**

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen. Amen. Amen.** (sung)

**SENDING SONG:** WOV#748 'Bind Us Together'

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**