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Worship for Sunday October 1, 2023 @ 10:30am
Eighteenth 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.



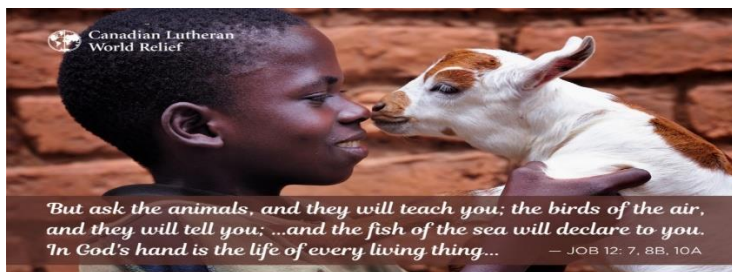
TODAY – October 1

- **Coffee Time: before service; and Potluck Lunch: following service.** All are invited to bring a lunch item (sandwiches, salads, veggie trays, desserts, etc.) to join in a meal of fellowship. Help with cleanup is always appreciated.



- Messiah Choir Practice will begin @ 9:15am in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact May Janzen 306-960-4140 or Colleen Bowen 306-763-7389.

- Feast of St. Francis with a blessing of the animals and prayers for creation



Coming Up

Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, October 8: Donations of items to decorate the altar area and contribute to the Foodbank would be greatly appreciated as we share the abundance of our lives. Garden produce, canned and packaged food items (Foodbank), Fall foliage and flowers will help beautify Messiah for our worship service. Please drop off items beginning Tuesday, October 3 – Friday, October 6, during Messiah office hours 11am – 3pm. Please contact Linda M. (306.941.9982) if you have any questions.

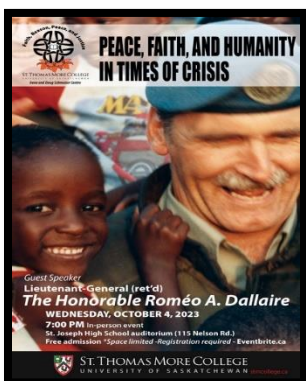
- **September 30 @ 10am: The Women's Group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall.** We're focusing on body mechanics; what works, what doesn't and what we can do about it. Very interesting, focused and personal! All women are invited for coffee, stimulating conversation and understanding issues with our bodies! Thanks to Denise Haugen, we are learning a great deal and having fun!! You're invited too! For more information, please call Linda M. (306.941.9982) 😊
- **Tuesday, October 3 - Messiah Lutheran Women's Bible Study** – Hosted by Corrine Amyotte in the Peace Chapel @ **7PM**. We will be going through the "Women of the Bible" series and discuss future possibilities.
- **Men's Retreat, October 13-15.** Pastor Dan Haugen will be sharing on the life of King David. Come for a weekend of coffee, connection, and time in creation! Register at kinasao.ca, or contact Merv Bender @ 306-960-8246. Cost is \$115 and registration deadline is **October 1, 2023.**
- **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 / amukpiny@gmail.com.
 - **October 15** – Confirmation classes will begin. Classes will be scheduled every two weeks.

Learn and Reflect Together on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: You are invited to observe **September 30** as **Orange Shirt Day**, which marks the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. There are many ways that we can observe that day, and help us learn, reflect and participate. Here are some information and resources from ELCIC partners by clicking on any of the following links below:

- [Churches Beyond Borders 2021 Statement on Teaching the Truth](#)
- [KAIROS Canada Orange Shirt Day](#)
- [Orange Shirt Day - Phyllis Webstad's Story](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Week 2023: Daily Lunch and Learn Sessions \(Online\)](#)
- [September 2021 Letter from National Bishop Susan C. Johnson \(with a Prayer of Reconciliation by Cari Klassen\)](#)
- [A Statement on the Indian Residential Schools from Indigenous Survivors, Elders and Leaders](#)



Lutheran Theological Seminary is pleased to announce a visit by our companion synod IELU (the ELCIC in Argentina and Uruguay) President Wilma Rommel and Old Testament Professor Dr. Mercedes Bachmann. Dr. Bachmann will be giving a lecture on "The Bible in Buenos Aires, Lutheranism and the Hebrew Scriptures" at Redeemer Lutheran Church on [Wednesday, October 4, 2023](#) @ 7:00 pm. We would like to invite your congregation to attend this special event either in person or live stream.



Peace Studies Lecture with retired Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire
 St. Thomas More College is pleased to announce that the Honourable Roméo A. Dallaire will be presenting this year's Peace Studies lecture: Peace, Faith, and Humanity in Times of Crisis. The lecture will take place on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 7pm**. Please note that the lecture will be held in Saskatoon at **St. Joseph High School's Theatre (115 Nelson Road)** and will be an **in-person only event**.

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

***Introduction:** Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND 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#526 'God is Here!'

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. 187)

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & PRAYER:

Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon all the animals given to families around the world through CLWR, that they may have good health, adequate feed, plentiful pastures, and companionship of the flock/herd. Give them good stewards who will be faithful in their care, feeding them, and protecting them from danger. Bless their relationships with humankind and other living things so that, together in the web of life which you have brought into being, all creatures may fulfill your purpose. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 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 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, The Twenty First Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Dut – "Are we the sons and daughters with empty words?"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#772 'Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways'

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

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *We share a sign of peace.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#679 'For the Fruit of All Creation' (vs 1&2)

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.**

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (ELWp, 190): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

Prayer After Communion: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **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. (sung)
Amen. Amen. Amen

SENDING SONG: ELW#535 'Hallelujah! We sing your Praises'

DISMISSAL

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

TABLE GRACE: *Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; these mercies bless, and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be.*

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