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<b>Messiah Office: Tuesday – Friday (11am– 3pm)</b>	

**Worship for Sunday September 10, 2023 @ 10:30am**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost / ELW Setting Ten**

**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.



**22nd Memorial of 911** - More than two decades since the attacks, not a day passes without thoughts of those killed and the brave first responders who ran towards unimaginable danger. In remembrance of **911** let us lift up in prayer those who suffered and fell, the wounded families left behind and the shame of the attackers families who live with the repercussions. May Forgiveness Reign!



### **Coming Up:**



- **Today - 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:** before and after service. Please plan to stay after the Worship Service 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.

**Prince Albert Community Suicide Awareness Vigil September 10, 2023**

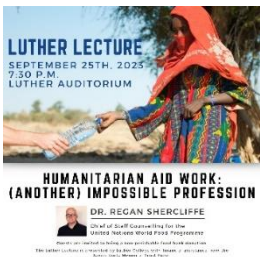
We extend our special invitation to attend the community Suicide Prevention Awareness Vigil event for World Suicide Prevention Day. Held at St. Alban's Cathedral (1410 Bishop McLean Cres) on Sunday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. *We would be honored by your presence.*



All are invited to attend the **LuMinHos Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on *Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 7 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1215 McKercher Dr., Saskatoon.* The bulletin of reports can be found on the LuMinHoS website under *Upcoming Events* - [www.luminhos.org/events/upcoming-events/](http://www.luminhos.org/events/upcoming-events/)

**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).

**Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser supper: Saturday, September 23 at 6:00pm - Zion Lutheran Church.** Come to hear how the ministry of post-secondary students has navigated COVID, evolved and grown, enjoy a great meal catered by Mulberry's, fellowship, entertainment and the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship and support. Please contact Pastor Mark Hedlin 306-715-0452 for tickets before September 19, as tickets will not be available at the door. If you cannot attend, we invite you to support this ministry with your prayers and stewardship. Call Pastor Mark and he would be glad to share with you more about the ministry. If you are moved to support with your stewardship, e-transfers can be sent to [luth.chap@usask.ca](mailto:luth.chap@usask.ca) or cheques made out to Lutheran Campus Ministry and sent to Lutheran Campus Center, 1302 College Drive Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W5



Please save the date in your calendars for **Luther Lecture on September 25**; featuring Dr. Regan Shercliffe from the United Nations World Food Programme, speaking on **Humanitarian Aid Work: (Another) Impossible Profession.** Guests can join in person or with the Zoom option. The Luther Lecture was established at Luther College at the University of Regina with the purpose of making a distinctive and stimulating contribution to the life of the University and the general community. Full details on Dr. Shercliffe's lecture are available at [www.luthercollege.edu/university/alumni-friends/events/luther-lecture](http://www.luthercollege.edu/university/alumni-friends/events/luther-lecture)



**Creating for Creation**  
**Together for the Love of Creation**



## 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 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#654 'The Church's One Foundation' (vs 1&5)

**GREETING** (ELW p. 203)

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 / HYMN OF PRAISE:** ELW#844 'Praise to the Lord'

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN LESSON: Blessing for our Children and their Back Packs

May Almighty God, help you to learn successfully many new things this year to improve your life. We pray for your teachers to have wisdom and patience, the staff and volunteers to be helpful. May your parents give support at every step to help you learn. We pray for your travels wherever you go to learn new things. In Jesus Name I pray, Amen.

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. <sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 119:33-40

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

### SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

**Alleluia. Lord, and Saviour: 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 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on

earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: *Pastor John Mayer Dut –***

**Matthew 18: “Not go! Even, as: Am I my sister and brother’s keeper.”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW#676 ‘Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak’

**APOSTLE’S 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**

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.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING HYMN:** ELW#686 ‘We Give Thee but Thine Own’ (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.**

**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#543 ‘Go’ My Children, with My Blessing’

**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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