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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday (11am– 3pm)

Worship for Sunday September 17, 2023 @ 10:30am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut **Musician:** Susan Slind
Worship Assistants: Corrine Amyotte, Merv Bender, Donna Deobald, Joy Gjesdal, Susan Prakash

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:

Giles Lalond (brother-in-law of Merv Bender), **Carl Klarenbach**, **Jeanette Haugen**,
Rose Statz, **Eleanor Fenske**, **Bill Brown**, **Pastor Ron Bjorgan** (brother-in-law of Ken &
Betty Haugen and Dan & Bev Haugen), **Sheila Baessler**, **Betty Anderson**,
Morris Anderson, **Sharon Olson** (cousin of Betty Haugen), **Myrtle Bauer**, **Barb Johnson**,
Ray McCallum, **Knute Gjesdal** (father of Kristi Stolee), **Jean Batiuk** (sister-in-law of Anne
& Roger Mayert), **Chad Mahlberg** (family friend of Merv Bender), **Audrey Hodgson**, **Agnes Brown**,
Dennis Ulmer, and all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.



TODAY – Holy Communion Service

- Coffee Time: **before** and **after** service. Please plan to stay after the Worship Service to visit, have a chance to catch up with the Messiah family, and/or get to know someone new.

- 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.



Coming Up:

- **September 19 Congregational Bible Study** – Will be held by Pastor John in the Peace Chapel @ **7PM** on the third Tuesday of each month, September through 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 Peace Chapel.

- **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! If you have questions 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.
- **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 15th** – Confirmation classes will begin. We hope to have everyone signed up by the end of September in order to complete the confirmation year.



LUMINHOS WALK 2023 – The Annual LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon Fundraiser will take place on **Saturday, September 16 @ 10:00am**. If you would like to participate, please arrive at Zion Lutheran Church with your pledge sheet by 10:00am on Saturday, September 16. Pledge sheets are available in the Messiah narthex (entry).

RISE UP CANADA: National Day of Prayer for Biblical Uniformity
"... For I have chosen you, says the Lord of Hosts." Haggai 2:23

September 16 – start on Saturday with reflection and fasting.

September 17 - National Day of Prayer amongst denominations & Churches

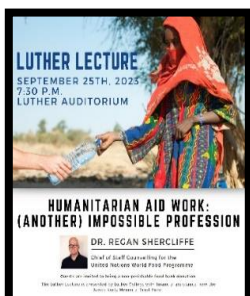
Praying: We cry out to our Father in Heaven, to protect us from fires, flooding, poverty, violence against innocent people here in Canada and around the world.

Faithful worship for our God to see a genuine transformation and revival in Canada. Our Christian freedom is being challenged by Governments just like many other countries around the world.



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 or cheques made out to Lutheran Campus Ministry and sent to Lutheran Campus Center, 1302 College Drive Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W5



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

GATHERING

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

Introduction

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the 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: 'Oh How I Love Jesus' (Maranatha! Music Praise Hymns & Choruses)

1. **There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth.**

Refrain: **Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!**

2. **It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.**

Refrain: **Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!**

3. **And there with all the blood-bought throng, From sin and sorrow free,
I'll sing the new eternal song Of Jesus' love for me.**

Refrain: **Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!**

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: Four Direction Prayer (Adapted from Diocese of Western North Carolina - Anglican Indigenous Ministries)

Let us turn our hearts to the West From there the Thunders bring us cleansing rain,

Creator God, heal us and our relatives.

Let us turn our hearts to the North Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest,

Creator God, restore our strength.

Let us turn our hearts to the East The morning Sun begins each day there,

Creator God awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life.

Let us turn our hearts to the South Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy,

Creator God soothe our aching souls.

Let us turn our hearts to the Sky From there our Creator sees all around us,

Creator God help us to trust you to lead us.

Let us turn our hearts to the Earth From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us,

Creator God hear us as we pray.

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. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:[1-7] 8-13

[¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.]

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²**As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18:21-35

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he

went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John - What would you do to celebrate, if all of your debts were suddenly canceled?

HYMN OF THE DAY: 'Grace Greater than Our Sin' (Hymns For The Family Of God)

1. **Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!**
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

Refrain: **Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;**

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. **Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss;**
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Refrain: **Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;**

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

3. **Dark is the stain that we cannot hide; What can we do to wash it away?**
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, Brighter than snow you may be today.

Refrain: **Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;**

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

4. **Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe!**
You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

Refrain: **Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;**

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

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.**

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 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, 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: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

Table Blessing: The body and the blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen your faith, keep you in his Love, and brings you to life everlasting. ✝ Go in Peace and with Joy. **Amen**

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: 'God of Grace and God of Glory' (ELW#705)

DISMISSAL

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

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If anyone has lost a "house key" from last week after the potluck, it was found and will be in the office at Lisa's desk. The key found has a blue patterned fabric key chain attached. Please come by during office hours from Tues – Fri 11-3 if you want to retrieve it or call the office at 306-763-7374 to arrange pickup.