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Worship for Sunday October 8, 2023 @ 10:30am
Nineteenth 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 8: Coffee Time: before and following service – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting. Sometimes there are cookies (thanks, George)!



COMING UP



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

- **Kinasao Men’s Retreat, October 13 – 15:** Pastor Dan Haugen will be sharing on the life of King David. It’s a weekend of coffee, connection, and time in creation! Contact Merv Bender @ 306-960-8246.
- **Sunday School, Youth Ministry and Confirmation** are all in the works: if you would like to be involved or there are kids/youth who would like to sign up to partake in these ministries, contact Pastor John at 639-384-8745 (cell) / 306-763-7374 (Messiah office) or pastor.mlc@sasktel.net / amukpiny@gmail.com.
October 15 - Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin. Confirmation classes will be scheduled every two weeks.

20th Annual LutherCare Foundation POWER BREAKFAST: Luther Riverside Terrace,
915 Saskatchewan Crescent West, Saskatoon, Thursday, October 19 - 7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M
Enjoy complimentary breakfast and entertainment. Freewill donations in support of LutherCare Foundation
SPACE IS LIMITED: Reserve your seats by calling (306)649-6364,
or email foundation@luthercare.com **by October 10.**

The P.A. Christian Women's After 5 Connection – Monday, October 16 from 7 – 9pm “Are YOU Ready for Winter?” Dinner and program will be at the Coronet (3551 – 2 Avenue West) \$22 with reservation deadline Thursday, October 12. Call or email Susan at 306.764.7021 susanprakash@sasktel.net or Colleen at 306.961.6925 ca2315@hotmail.com.



Kinasao News: Visit kinasao.ca for more details on these events, or contact info@kinasao.ca!

- A **NEW event on Saturday, November 25.** Gather to get in the spirit of the season with the **Christmas at Camp** event!

Mark your calendar for this full day event: Christmas Market (tables available) 11am – 4:30pm; Community Supper 5pm; Twinkle Tour 6:30 – 8:30pm.

- The **Advent Retreat, December 1-3** is returning! Come on your own or with your family and learn about the Advent season while enjoying Christmas crafts, baking, singing and more! Registration at kinasao.ca.

Embracing the Calls to Action Evening with Chief Wilton Littlechild and Fr. Ken Thorson OMI: Thursday, October 26, 7 – 9pm, doors open at 6:30pm at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave S., Saskatoon. Suggested donation of \$10 would be welcome. The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) invites the Ecumenical Community to attend our TRC evening with Chief Wilton Littlechild and Fr. Ken Thorson OMI, moderated by Sandi Harper.

LuMinHoS Oktoberfest Fundraiser at Zion Lutheran on Saturday evening, October 28, 2023. Along with food and entertainment, we hope to have a combined Silent Auction / Christmas Baking table. If you have surplus Christmas decorations or crafts or other sellable items, please send them our way. Additionally, since we have such a wealth of international bakers in our churches, we would love to share your unique Christmas baking. Connect with Renate at 306.343.0156 or 306.321.5202 or hisrib@sasktel.net if you can help!



GATHERING

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

Introduction: *In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

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 SONG: ELW#693 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come'

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#525 'You Are Holy'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected. ¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ. [Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal,

a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

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 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#879 'For the Beauty of the Earth'

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

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Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through 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#694 'Sing to the Lord of Harvest'

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#680 'We Plow the Fields and Scatter'

DISMISSAL

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

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