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

Worship for Sunday October 15, 2023 @ 10:30am
Twentieth 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.

Statement on the War in the Holy Land: Please Pray

"Our hearts grieve at the resurgence of violence that bereaves both Palestinian and Israeli families," said ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson and Anglican Church of Canada Archbishop Linda Nicholls. We stand with Archbishop Hosam Naoum (Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) and Bishop Sani-Ibrahim Azar (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land) and their people, praying for safety for all who are caught in the middle of this conflict—including visitors and pilgrims. We pray for the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza and the Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem seeking to provide medical care to any and all in need amidst the chaos," continued the leaders who called on Prime Minister Trudeau and all international leaders to offer whatever they can toward a cessation of hostilities and a lasting, just peace for Israel and Palestine.



TODAY – October 15:

- **Coffee Time: before and following service** – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting. Sometimes there are cookies (thanks, George)!
- **Sunday School and Confirmation start!** 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.
- **Messiah Choir: NO practise this week.** Practise most Sundays @ 9:15am in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact May Janzen 306-960-4140/ Colleen Bowen 306-763-7389.



L.C.B.I 2023 HOMECOMING – OCT 13 – 15

A weekend of reminiscing and fellowship!

To register, please go to: <https://form.jotform.com/231306306771248>

Don't miss our Evening Program on Saturday at 7:00pm. Now with banquet style seating and refreshments/snacks served while you enjoy performances from past and current students and bid on exclusive items from our Auction!



CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: World Food Day –

Monday October 16 - Global hunger is on the rise and as many as 783 million people around the world go to bed hungry. Join CLWR, churches across Canada, and members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank as we stand together with people around the globe and unite in prayer for an end to the injustices of hunger.

Did You Know? Nearly 10% of the world's population - as many as 783 million people - go to bed hungry! Women, the elderly, people living with disabilities, and racial, ethnic and religious minorities experience a disproportionate amount of hunger. Climate change is putting more pressure on those already working to produce their own food. Hunger is a growing threat, but together we can make a difference.

This World Food Day, please join us in prayer with Bishop Susan Johnson: Creator, our world produces enough food for all and yet millions go hungry. You give us the knowledge and skills to grow crops, but natural disasters can wipe out whole growing seasons. You connect us into a global community but wars, and supply chains, and greed stop food from getting where it should be. You give to each of us generously, yet we hold onto our riches instead of helping those in need. Open our hearts to freely share with others what has been shared with us. Make the world a more just and fair place where all may be fed by your gracious bounty. Amen



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!



Kinasao News: Visit kinasao.ca for more details, 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.

GATHERING

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

Introduction: In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen. Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Amen. Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: 'This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made' (Watts, Isaac 1674-1748)

- 1. This is the day, this is the day. That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day That the Lord has made.**
- 2. We are the sons, we are the sons, Of the living God, of the living God.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in Him, and be glad in Him.
We are the sons of the living God. We will rejoice and be glad in Him.
We are the sons, we are the sons Of the living God.**
- 3. Open to us, open to us The gates of God, the gates of God;
We will go in, we will go in And praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.
Open to us the gates of God; We will go in and praise the Lord.
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.**
- 4. You are our God, you are our God; We will praise your name, we will praise your name;
We will give thanks, we will give thanks for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God; We will praise your name.**

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#. 203)

- 1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**
- 2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**
- 3. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

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. **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to

everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. 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 22:1-1

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John –"Friends and Strangers. Together we are invited without Justifications."

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#608 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling'

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

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.**

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(ELW P#.207): **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

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 & BENEDICTION

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#742 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'

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

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