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Worship for Sunday October 22, 2023 @ 10:30am
Twenty-first 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.

It is with extreme sadness that we express condolences and sympathy to Garry Miller on the death of his son Karl, wife Sashawna, and their two children, Kaiden and Kalani. We pray for God to wrap loving arms around Garry, Beverley and their family during this time of sorrow.



TODAY – October 22:

- **Coffee Time: before and following service** – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting. Sometimes there are cookies (thanks, George)!
- **Sunday School** – We now have a few teachers for the children during the service.
- **Confirmation** – Every second week, beginning October 29th as first class and hopefully graduating Pentecost Sunday. All 3 years being done by Pastor John and parents. Please contact Pastor John at 639-384-8745 (cell) / 306-763-7374 (Messiah office) or pastor.mlc@sasktel.net / amukpiny@gmail.com for details re: Sunday School or Confirmation.
- **Messiah Choir:** Practise on Sundays @ 9:15am in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact May Janzen 306-960-4140/ Colleen Bowen 306-763-7389.



- **Next Week: Reformation Sunday** – will be done more Traditional Style
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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** is coming to Kinasao on **Saturday, November 25**. Let's 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 is now open at kinasao.ca. We hope to see you back at Kinasao this season! Visit kinasao.ca for more details on all these events, or contact info@kinasao.ca!

Men's Retreat Update from Oct 13 – Oct 15 weekend at Kinasao:

Kinasao Lutheran Bible camp hosted the annual Men's Retreat with Darin Felstrom as our Chaplain leading devotional times and our Sunday worship. Pastor Dan Haugen led three Bible Studies on The Life and Faith of King David from the Old Testament. Fourteen men attended. The retreat was held in the fall for the first time since Kinasao's major upgrade of the Retreat Center had not been completed by our normal Spring date. Next year we plan to return to our Spring schedule. Our Messiah men have hosted this retreat for many years.

Written by: Pastor Dan Haugen

L.C.B.I. Homecoming 2023 Update – October 13 to October 15:

This year at homecoming we celebrated every 5th year starting at 1943 and continuing to present day Grads of 2023. The 1943 Class in which Borgny (nee Sylte) Lokken, now 99 years of age, is one of the first and few alumnus that attended SLBI at that time. Borgny's sisters and all her children all attended L.C.B.I (Bible College became a high school later on), you can find a video of an interview of her story on the LCBI website under the Alumni tab. Homecoming was filled with 3 days of treasured time between staff, students and alumni. It entailed music, singing, sports, zoom meetings, class meeting rooms, meals, chapels, devotions, bouncy castles, games, auctions and a Sunday morning worship service led by the 25 year class of 1998. Our (Lisa Haight's) class invited Dr. Harley. J. Johnson to speak on the theme of "rejoicing in the Lord Always". We celebrated the first communion ever performed at a Homecoming service, enjoyed music by the choir, class of 98 worship band led us during communion along with a musical contribution done by Kari (Satre) Salvesen called "Perfectly Loved". Gifts to the school were shared by various classes and individuals, along with a gift given in memory of deceased classmates by the 1998 class. We praise the Lord for such a successful weekend for L.C.B.I and all those attended this celebration. Peace and Joy to you!

-Written by: Lisa Haight.

GATHERING

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

***Introduction:** In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of 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: ELW#575 'In Christ Called to Baptize' (vs.1,3,4)

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. **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#848 'Give to Our God Immortal Praise!'

APOSTLES' 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

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

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.**

PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share a sign of peace.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#689 'Praise and Thanksgiving' (vs.1,4)

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#618 'Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer'

DISMISSAL

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

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