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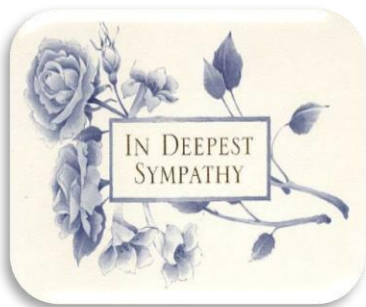
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: August 4, 2024 @ 10:30am**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor John Dut      **Musician:** Colleen Bowen  
**Worship Assistants:** Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Dave Bragg, Lisa Haight, Wayne Hyde, Jean Meyers

*The service will be broadcast live beginning at 10:30am on YouTube and posted there for later viewing.*

**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.



With many condolences and prayers, we share the passing of Carl **Klarenbach** who on July 25<sup>th</sup>, left this earth for his eternal rest. His memorial service will be held at Messiah on **Saturday, August 3 at 2pm** with a lunch following in the fellowship hall. Please keep Carl's family in your thoughts and prayers at this time of remembrance and celebration of a life of 91 years well lived.



**Today – Sunday, August 4**

- **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.

**Upcoming Events & Ongoing Ministries**

- **Coffee Time:** every Sunday before the Service
- **Stephen Ministry:** contact Pastor John for more information and referrals.
- **Bible Studies, Choir, Confirmation, Men's Group, Messiah Lutheran Women, Senior Homes Worship Services** – will resume in September, schedule coming soon!

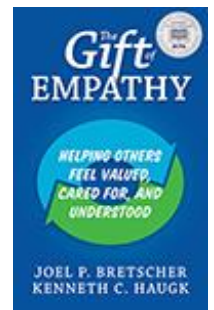
**Worship Assistants are needed for Sunday Worship.  
 The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.  
 Please have a look and sign up to usher, read or operate PowerPoint.  
 Your gift of time and service is greatly appreciated.**

**ATTENTION:** Aunts/Uncles, Grandparents, Family Friends ... The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism presents CAMP COMPASSION. A summer day camp for Kindergarten to Grade Six, \$75/child from August 6 – 9 @ Grace Westminster United Church (505 – 10 Street East, Saskatoon). To register or for information, phone (306) 653-1633 or visit [www.pcecumenism.ca](http://www.pcecumenism.ca). (News & Events) – changing the world with loving kindness.

**Thanks to Helen and Grant Soloducha for hosting lunch following the service on July 28.  
It was a joy to join in celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Congratulations and blessing from your Messiah family.**



**Introducing a New Book Study** starting this fall with the Stephen Ministry group here at Messiah. We invite you to come and join in our journey through reading and discussion of the recently written Stephen Ministry Book: *"The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared for and Understood"*.



***The Gift of Empathy*** takes an in-depth yet down-to-earth look at empathy, showing readers how to use it in a wide range of situations and relationships. It defines what empathy is and isn't, offers practical insights on how to empathize, and demonstrates unique applications of empathy in various kinds of relationships.

**Empathy is something we all need—and it's something we all can give.**

If you or anyone you know may be interested in this book study, please contact the office at 306-763-7374 / [messiah@sasktel.net](mailto:messiah@sasktel.net) or Pastor John Dut 306-961-0877 / [pastor.mlc@sasktel.net](mailto:pastor.mlc@sasktel.net)

**Greetings from LuMinHoS,**

The **September Annual LuMinHos Walk-a-thon** is coming up again on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00am. It will be in Saskatoon, starting at Zion Lutheran Church. You can find the poster on our bulletin board in the narthex or by clicking on the information below in the underlined text. Please let us know if you have any further questions. Here is the [poster](#) for the LuMinHoS September Walk-a-thon along with the [pledge sheet](#) and [route information](#). The event information can also be found on our website at [luminhos.org/events](http://luminhos.org/events).



## GATHERING & WELCOME

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**Introduction:** *Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.*

### Announcements

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. Amen. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

#### GATHERING HYMN: ELW#838 'Beautiful Saviour'

**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 (ELWp.138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#857 'Lord, I Lift Your Name on High'

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, **O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### WORD

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

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 78:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16**

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (ELWp.142)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pastor John Mayer Dut – "We are the Bread of Heaven"**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#487 'What Feast of Love'**

## **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 into hell. 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Pastor:** Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

**PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *We share a sign of Peace.*

## **THANKSGIVING & MEAL**

**OFFERING HYMN: ELW#692 'We Are an Offering'**

## **OFFERING PRAYER:**

Let us pray. **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: (p.144) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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: 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:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** Instrumental

**Prayer after Communion:** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION:**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** ELW#618 'Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer'

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**