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**Messiah Office: Closed: reopening August 28.
Pastor John is available (please phone his cell),
and the Messiah office phone and email will be checked regularly.**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: August 18, 2024 @ 10:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor John Dut

Musician: Susan Slind

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.



Today – Sunday, August 18

- **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – a time of fellowship, laughter and visiting.
- **Baptism:** Please join with Madison and her family in the celebration of Holy Baptism.



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.
- **Worship Assistants are needed each Sunday.** Please consider signing up on the sheet in the Narthex to assist with ushering, reading, assisting with communion, or operating powerpoint.

Time to Gather – Sunday, September 8

In April 2023, Assistant to the Bishop Ali Tote lead Messiah congregation in a process of talking about the Messiah future vision.

This was a starting point for discussion, resulting in the report which is included with the weekly bulletin. Printed copies are available on the table in the Narthex/entry.

On Sunday, September 8, Bishop Elect Ali will join us again beginning with the 10:30am worship service, a potluck lunch, and then a time to continue these discussions.

So please, note this in your calendar and plan to attend these important discussions, as we discern where God is leading the Messiah family.

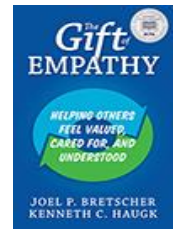
FALL BOOK STUDY – ‘The Gift of Empathy’



This fall a book study will start led by the Messiah Stephen Ministry group.

Join in a journey through reading and discussion of the 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 someone you know are interested, please contact:

the Messiah office at 306-763-7374 / messiah@sasktel.net or

Pastor John at 306-961-0877 / pastor.mlc@sasktel.net

Greetings from LuMinHoS,

The **September Annual LuMinHos Walk-a-thon** is on Saturday, September 21 @ 10:00am, in Saskatoon, starting at Zion Lutheran Church - see poster on the Messiah bulletin board in the narthex or go to the LuMinHoS website.

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Sunday, September 8 at 7 pm** at Rock of Ages Church, 130 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon.

Information for both these events can be found on the LuMinHoS website at luminhos.org/events.



GATHERING & WELCOME

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

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#781 'Children of the Heavenly Father'

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN: ELW#595 'Jesus Loves Me!' (vs.1)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (ELWp.227-231)

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to a new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Let us pray. **In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from Sin and death by joining us to death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God. Amen**

Who Presents this Child for Baptism? **We present Madison for baptism.**

McKayla, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Madison baptized into Christ? **I do**

As you bring Madison to receive the gifts of baptism, you are entrusted in responsibility:

To live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the Holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the creed and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this Child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the church? **We do.**

And you, People of God, do you promise to support Madison and pray for her in his new life in Christ?

We do.

I ask you profess your faith in Christ Jesus and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do You Believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do You Believe in Jesus Christ, The Son of God? **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.

Do You Believe in God The Holy Spirit? **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.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery and freedom. At the river your son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus's death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Madison, I baptize you in the name of The Father, And of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray. **We give you thanks; O God that through water and the Holy Spirit will give your daughter new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life.**

Sustain Madison, with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Madison, child of God you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome: *Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized: **We welcome you, Madison, into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to the entire world. Thanks be to God.**

SONG: ELW#595 'Jesus Loves Me!' (vs.2,3)

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

WORD

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

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: HFG#361 'Alleluia'

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John, the 6th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

SERMON: PASTOR JOHN MAYER DUT

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#469 'By Your Hand You Feed Your People'

(TUNE: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

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

THANKSGIVING

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. **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: (ELW 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#522 'As we Gather at your Table' (TUNE: What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

DISMISSAL

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

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