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Messiah Office Hours: Wednesday, August 28 – Friday, August 30; 12 – 3pm	

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: August 25, 2024 @ 10:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor John Dut

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 25

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

Upcoming Events & Ongoing Ministries

- **Coffee Time:** every Sunday before the Service
- **Messiah Council:** will meet on Wednesday, August 28 at 7pm
- **Stephen Ministry:** contact Pastor John for more information and referrals
- **Bible Studies, Choir, Confirmation, Men's Group, Messiah Lutheran Women, Senior Homes Worship Services** – updates will be provided 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 helping with 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 a report. Printed copies are available on the table in the Narthex/entry, or you can request an emailed copy.

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.

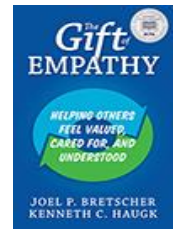
FALL BOOK STUDY – ‘The Gift of Empathy’



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

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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 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 including the 2023/24 Annual Report can be found on the LuMinHoS website at luminhos.org/events.



GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *In today's gospel of John many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

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#532 'Gather Us In' (vs.1,3)

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#525 'You Are Holy'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 *In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every

prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

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

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those 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.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#472 ‘Eat This Bread’ (x2)

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.**

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.

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'

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray. **Loving God, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. 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#535 'Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises'

DISMISSAL

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

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