



Messiah Lutheran Church

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Change in Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday; 11am – 3pm

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service September 1, 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, September 1

- **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – all are welcome!

Upcoming Events & Ongoing Ministries

- **Coffee Time:** every Sunday before the Service
- **Potluck Lunch & Vision Discussion:** Sunday, September 8, following the Worship Service
- **Bible Studies:** Weekly every Wednesday at 7pm beginning September 11; and a monthly study on the third Tuesday at 7pm beginning September 17.
- **Confirmation:** following the Worship Service on the first and third Sunday of each month; beginning September 15.
- **Senior Homes Worship Services:** Mont St. Joseph Home (first Wednesday of the month); Points West Living (first Thursday of the month); Good Shepherd Villas (second Tuesday of the month)
- **Stephen Ministry:** contact Pastor John for more information and referrals

Worship Assistants are needed each Sunday.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to assist with ushering, reading, assisting with communion, 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.

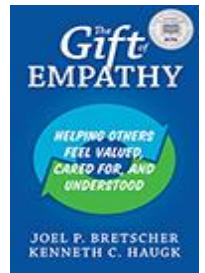


FALL BOOK STUDY – “The Gift of Empathy”

Starting in September, our Stephen Ministry group will be studying “The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared for and Understood”. Following the study, we would like to open it up to others as a resource to use within our church and community. Details to come.

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.

Prince Albert Christian Women's After 5 Connection event:

FALL FAIR: Sept 16th, 2024, 7-9 PM

Reserve by Sept 12th and contact:

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Ca2315@hotmail.com - Colleen

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Prince Albert Christian Women's
After 5 Connection invites you
Monday, September 16, 2024
Coronet Hotel 7 - 9 p.m.
Dinner & program: \$22.00

Featuring: produce, baking, crafts at the
silent auction; surprise bags;
bring coins for **fun auction;**
prizes for the **best country duds.**

Toe-tappin' music:
Rev. Rick Martin
Prince Albert

All proceeds support
Village Missions in Canada

Guest Speaker: Noelle Sitler
Camrose AB **"I Have a Secret"**
Noelle will talk about peace
in the midst of storms

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: Thurs., Sept. 12
Contact: Colleen: 306 961-6925, ca2315@hotmail.com
or Susan at 306 764-7021, susanprakash@sasktel.net

If you must cancel, please let us know 24 hours ahead.
Scent-free: to ease discomfort for allergy sufferers

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#879 'For the Beauty of the Earth'

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.184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW p.185)

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

PSALM 15: 1-5

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p.188)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. ²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, malice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#512 'Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil'

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need; saying: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING SONG: ELW#692 'We Are an Offering'

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 (ELWp.190): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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 (ELW p.191)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Music During Communion: Instrumental

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray. **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

(sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#534 'Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name'

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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