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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service - September 8, 2024 @ 10:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor John Dut **Sermon:** Bishop Ali Tote **Musician:** Susan Slind
Worship Assistants: Merv Bender, Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Lisa Haight, Wayne Hyde, Linda Moriarty

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 for all those in need, healing for those whom suffer in body, mind or spirit; give each one courage and hope in their time of need. We bring our requests to you oh God in confidence that you will answer them. Praise be to the Lord. Amen.



Condolences to Colleen Bowen, Craig, Kai and Petra Finnestad, on the death of their mother and grandmother, Trudy Bowen. Trudy passed away Wednesday, September 4. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, and may God's love surround them at this difficult time.



Today – Sunday, September 8

- **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – all are welcome!
- **Potluck Lunch & Vision Discussion:** following the Worship Service.



Upcoming Events & Ongoing Ministries

- **Bible Studies:** Weekly every Wednesday at 7pm beginning **September 11**; and a monthly study beginning on Tuesday, **September 24** at 7pm and continuing on the third Tuesday each month.
- **Confirmation:** Begins next Sunday **September 15**, following the Worship Service on the first and third Sunday of each month.
- **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



Bible Studies and Confirmation will be provided online as well through Zoom. Next week's bulletin will provide further details.

**Worship Assistants are needed each Sunday.
 Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to assist
 with ushering, reading, communion, and 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. Plan to attend these important discussions, as we discern where God is leading the Messiah family.



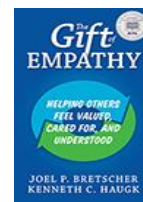
New bishops for Saskatchewan! Please pray for these new church leaders and all who minister among us, for wisdom, strength, and a spirit of unity.

- **Bishop-Elect Richard Reed, Anglican Diocese of Saskatchewan - the Consecration and Installation of the Reverend Richard Reed as the thirteenth bishop of the Anglican Diocese of SK is Friday, September 6, 6:00pm., at the Cathedral of St. Alban's the Martyr, Prince Albert. Everyone is welcome!**
- **Bishop-Elect Rev. Dr. Ali Tote: the ordination of Rev. Dr. Ali Tote as bishop of the SK Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada will be at 2:00pm on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Ave. S., Saskatoon, SK. All are welcome.**

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 the congregation as a resource to use within our church and community.



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

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

The **September Annual LuMinHos Walk-a-thon** is on Saturday, September 21 @ 10am, in Saskatoon, starting at Zion Lutheran Church - see poster on the Messiah bulletin board in the narthex. Information for both these events including the 2023/24 Annual Report can be found on the LuMinHoS website at luminhos.org/events.



SK SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING:

Join youth from across SK for a weekend designed just for you(th)!

WHEN: Sept 13-15th, 2024

WHERE: Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake

AGES: 12-17 Cost \$115.00/person.

Contact Kinasao.ca for late registration or contact **Pastor John. 306-961-0877**

Prince Albert Christian Women's After 5 Connection event:

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

Reserve by Sept 12th and contact:

306-961-6925/306-764-7021

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GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction:

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Open My Eyes" (W&P#113)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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.203)

- 1 **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living Word; it saves us from despair.**
- 2 **Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**
- 3 **Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

HYMN PRAISE: "His Name is Wonderful" (HFG#230)

His Name is Wonderful, His Name is Wonderful, His Name is Wonderful, Jesus My Lord.

He is the Mighty King, Master of everything, His Name is Wonderful, Jesus My Lord.

He is the Great shepherd, The Rock of All Ages, Almighty God is He.

Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His Name is Wonderful, Jesus My Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life. **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: Mark 7:24-37

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

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

SERMON: Bishop Ali Tote

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Loves Even Me" (HFG#225)

**1 I am so glad that our Father in heaven tells of His love in the Book He has given;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see, this is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.**

**Refrain: I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**2 Though I forget Him and wander away, kindly He follows wherever I stray;
Back to His dear loving arms would I flee, When I remember that Jesus loves me.**

**Refrain: I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

**3 O, if there's only one song I can sing, when in His beauty I see the great King,
This shall my song in eternity be: O, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!**

**Refrain: I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.**

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 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

Lord's Prayer (ELW p.208)

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.**

PEACE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING SONG: 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. **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.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
(sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#886 "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Table Grace: Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be

DISMISSAL

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