

## Messiah Lutheran Church

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### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service with Holy Communion September 15, 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 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.



#### Today – Sunday, September 15

- **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – all are welcome!
- **Confirmation:** following the Worship Service at 12pm; in-person and via Zoom (links will be emailed to confirmation students).

#### Upcoming Events & Ongoing Ministries

- **WOMEN'S WEINER ROAST- Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm.** (Details on next page)
- **PLANNING SESSION - Sunday, September 22 following the service in the Fellowship Hall:** BYOL (bring your own lunch) and join in the continuation of our vision discussions (see next page).
- **BIBLE STUDIES** (in person in the Peace Chapel and via zoom link):
  - **Weekly every Wednesday at 7pm;** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210935530?pwd=2nOpzSp1qa5QoIMPfayw0OWEacKRhu.1>
  - **Monthly study beginning on Tuesday, September 24 at 7pm;** continue every third Tuesday each month. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89488293373?pwd=QWiSsqJf1obb5f5CTHGTMyw5rNNFq.1>
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** first and third Sundays of each month following the worship service at 12pm. Contact Pastor John if additional details are needed. Zoom Link for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday only: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83570677944?pwd=15C14Y53HnGJPPEVJVSpiz4rmCoYgY.1>
- **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.



**Time to Plan – Sunday, September 22 following the Worship Service**

On September 8, Bishop Ali lead us in continuing our vision discussions; 'where is God leading the Messiah family'. We'll continue to meet to talk about 'what, who, when'. **So even if you haven't attended previous session, BYOL (bring your own lunch) and we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Ordination of Rev. Dr. Ali Tote as bishop of the SK Synod:**

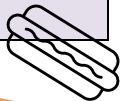
Saturday, October 12 at 2pm (Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon). All are welcome! Please pray for Bishop Ali and all who minister among us, for wisdom, strength, and a spirit of unity.



**Women's Wiener Roast on Sept 19.**

Gather at the church at **3:30 pm** to car-pool or convoy to **Little Red for a 4 pm Wiener Roast!** We will meet near The Knotty Pine restaurant. Sign up sheet is on the Narthex table. Sign-up is necessary for supplies, and there will be a small charge to cover this cost. **COME and BRING A FRIEND.**

MENU: Hotdogs, S'mores and Banana Boats. Singing and Much Laughter is included and Free of Charge!! Questions? Call Linda at 306-764-5918



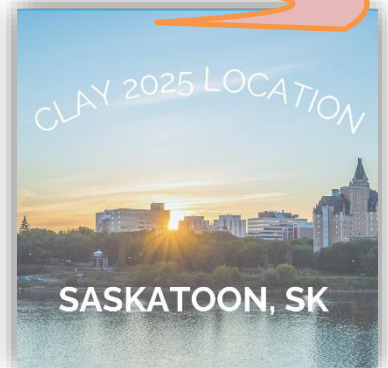
**Youth! coming next Summer – August 2025, Let's get Excited!**



**Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering (CLAY)**

We are rooted in so many things, in God, the church, the land, each other, but it's only with these things that we can rise, reach up to evolve and grow, becoming something new that works together, flourishing into all God hopes for us to be!

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**Stewardship at Messiah: Many people are needed to maintain the Messiah ministry**

1. On a weekly basis, Worship Assistants are needed each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to assist with ushering, reading, communion, and powerpoint.
2. Sunday School (May needs help) and bible study leaders are another area where you can share your gifts and talents.
3. Property Maintenance: Wayne is a team of one with the assistance of Pastor John for garbage/recycling oversight. Can you help with some of the building needs?
4. Financially: your contributions are vital to the ministry. Please prayerfully consider your giving. Donations can be set up electronically (talk to Cheryl), by e-transfer to [messiah@sasktel.net](mailto:messiah@sasktel.net) (no password needed), and by cheque/cash (talk to Harvey if you would like offering envelopes).
5. There are other ways of engaging in the Messiah Ministry – the Stephen Ministry program, dropping off donations to the Food Bank and Stepping Stones (blankets, clothing, etc.), are you interested in visiting people in-person or on the phone.
6. We all have something to offer in Service to the Lord, let us be good stewards of the Gifts He has given for the glory of the Kingdom of God and nurturing the Body of Christ.
7. If you want to know more about ways to be involved at Messiah, please talk to any member of Council (Byron, Cheryl, Corrine, Dave, Joy, Merv, Pastor John).

## GATHERING & WELCOME

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

**Introduction:** *Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

## 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: ELW P#788 "If God My Lord Be for Me"** (Tune: Lead on, O King Eternal)

**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.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 OF PRAISE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (HFG#377 v.1)**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

### WORD

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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 16:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
**<sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**  
<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.  
**<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**  
<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.  
**<sup>6</sup>The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**  
<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul for the Lord has dealt well with you.  
**<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**  
<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. 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 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you

are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: PASTOR JOHN MAYER DUT

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ‘Down at the Cross’ (HFG#255)**

- 1 **Down at the cross where my Saviour died, Down where for cleansing from sin, I cried, There to my heart as the blood applied; Glory to His name, Glory to His name, Glory to his name! There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name.**
- 2 **I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within; There at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His name, Glory to His name, Glory to his name! There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name.**
- 3 **O, precious fountain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have entered in; There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Glory to His name, Glory to His name, Glory to his name! There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name.**
- 4 **Come to this fountain so rich and sweet; Cast your poor soul at the Saviour’s feet; Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His name, Glory to His name, Glory to his name! There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name.**

**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.**

**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: 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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, 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: *(ELW p.207)* **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 *(sung to the tune of Abide with Me)*

**Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done the same on earth as it is done in heav'n above. Our Father, bless your children with your love. Our daily bread provide for us each day. As we forgive, so take our sins away. In time of trial, saving Lord be near, from ev'ry evil our Deliverer. Yours is the kingdom, o'er all things You reign. Yours is the power, all things You maintain. Yours be the glory sounding forth again Forever and forevermore. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion:** Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

## COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

**Prayer after Communion:** 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#774 'What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine'

## DISMISSAL

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