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**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service
September 22, 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:

We pray for comfort for all those in need, healing for those who suffer in body, Mind or spirit; give courage and hope in their time of need. We bring our requests to God in confidence that they will be answered. Amen.



Today – Sunday, September 22

- **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – all are welcome!
- **Sunday School:** during worship service following the Children’s message.
- **Planning Session following the service in the Fellowship Hall:** BYOL (bring your own lunch) and join in the continuation of our vision discussions (see next page).

Upcoming Events & Ongoing Ministries

- **Bible Studies** (in person and via zoom link):
 - **Weekly every Wednesday** at 7pm; Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210935530?pwd=2nOpzSp1qa5QoIMPfayw0OWEacKRhu.1>
 - **Monthly study: Tuesday, September 24** at 7pm; continuing on the third Tuesday each month. Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89488293373?pwd=QWiSsgJf1obb5f5CTHGTMynw5rNNFq.1>
- **Confirmation Classes:** first and third Sundays of each month following the worship service at 12pm. Contact Pastor John if additional details are needed, and the zoom link.
- **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.***

CARE PACKAGES

Something new we want to make happen at Messiah is to reach out to our students who are attending post-secondary school or living away from home for high school at LCBI.

We are going to create care packages to deliver to our young people and let them know we are thinking about them and remembering them in prayer.

Please let **David Bragg** (braggkawika@gmail.com ; **phone/text 306-314-3738**) know if you have any post-high school or LCBI students in your family that we can reach out to. David is also accepting things like gift cards, greeting cards, treats, baking, Archie comics, etc. and will put the packages together.

Thanks for your help!

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.

The **September Annual LuMinHos Walk-a-thon** is on Saturday, September 21 @ 10am starting at Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon. Information for this event including the 2023/24 Annual Report can be found on the LuMinHoS website.



Stewardship at Messiah: Many people are needed to support the Messiah ministry!!!

1. On a weekly basis, Sunday Worship Assistants are needed. 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 (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.), visiting people in-person or on the phone.

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: *Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

WELCOME & 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 SONG: ELW#532 'Gather Us In' (vs.1,2,4)

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.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#731 'Earth and All Stars (vs.1&2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:} ¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELWp.188)

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

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 9th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#808 'Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song'

APOSTLE'S 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.**

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. **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 that peace.*

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#486 'God Extends an Invitation'

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 & BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG: ELW#798 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

DISMISSAL

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

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