



Messiah Lutheran Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service September 29, 2024 @ 10:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor John Dut **Musician:** Colleen Bowen

Worship Assistants: Randi Arnot, Merv Bender, George Cramer, Betty Haugen, Ken Haugen,

The service will be broadcast live beginning at 10:30am on YouTube and posted there for later viewing.

*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 29

- **Coffee Time:** before service (9:45am) – all are welcome!
- **Sunday School:** following the Children's Message during the Worship Service.
- **Farewell card for Bev and Dan Haugen:** on the table in the Narthex (will be sent next week).

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: third Tuesday of each month** at 7pm; 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, and the zoom link. **First Week:**
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88199699157?pwd=mxkuMBYdINhlyluCygQIAhStlaNfcw.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
- **Men's Group:** will meet this Saturday **September 28th at 9 am** at Grainfields.





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.

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 etransfer 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)

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30
ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Vibrant God,
Your creation explodes with the colours of the rainbow. Your peoples reveal the beauty of diversity. We remember today when the joy and dignity of a precious child was destroyed. We lament today for the childhoods lost through the residential school system. We mourn for the spirits crushed and the futures compromised.

Celebrate the hope and joy of every child. Tell the stories of resistance that make us stronger. Build the bonds of solidarity to ensure “never again.” In the name of the one who was child among us. Amen.

**Courtesy of the Presbyterian Church of Canada*



GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: Someone who is not part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: ELW#835 'All Creatures, Worship God Most High' (vs. 1,2,4,5,6)

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 (ELWp.187)

Refrain: 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.

Refrain: 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 and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

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

Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Blessing of Quilts and Donated Items / Children's Message

The quilts we dedicate today are representative of the many items donated over the last year – clothing, food, household items and blankets/quilts. We commend the people of Messiah who so faithfully gathered items, and the loving hands who made these quilts. We pray that they will continue to give from their hearts and to create beautiful messages of love to the people in your world who may be desperately seeking your word of grace and comfort. Renew our Christian promise to help those in need—to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger and be a loving neighbor to all the people of the earth.

Let us pray, **Almighty God, it is your will to bring comfort and help to the distressed. Bless these quilts wherever they may be used, that they may provide warmth and security to those who have experienced tragedy or who have no other shelter. May those who receive the gifts we bring also experience your love and forgiveness. May they also encounter your grace and peace and so learn of the joy of life in Christ. Bless us your servants, Lord; those who brought these gifts to you and those who have laboured in love to create them. Inspire us in our service to others that more and more may see and experience your loving, caring hand in their lives. In your gracious name we pray, Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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 9:38-50

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

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#810 'O Jesus, I Have Promised'

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.**

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We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*especially*) Betty, Ed, Pearl, Stanley, Michelle, Trudy, Rose, Sarah, Barb, Leslie, Rose, Bill, Pastor Ron, Sheila, Morris, Sharon, Myrtle, Ray, Knute, Jean, Audrey, Agnes, and all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

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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

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

SENDING SONG: ELW#540 'Go, Make Disciples'

DISMISSAL

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

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