

### **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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Messiah Office Summer Hours: Tuesday – Thursday; 12 noon – 2:00pm The office will be closed July 28 – August 15. Reopens August 19.

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost @ 10:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor John Dut Musician: Susan Slind
Worship Assistants: Merv Bender, Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Dave Bragg, Lisa Haight and Wayne Hyde
The service is broadcast live at 10:30am and posted on the Messiah YouTube channel.

Sunday, July 27: Coffee in the Peace Chapel before the Worship Service @ 10:30am

## **Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:**

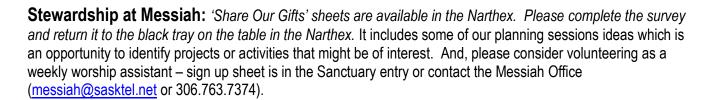
We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind of spirit. Give them courage and hope in their time of need.



Condolences and sympathy to Dennis & Elaine Serfas and family on the death of Mary Serfas, mother of Dennis, on July 18.

The service will be held at the end of the month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melville.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)



**Financial expenses continue throughout the summer.** If you are away and not regularly attending Sunday Services, offerings can be dropped off at the Messiah office (phone 306.763.7374) OR donate electronically weekly/monthly (preauthorized deposit) OR etransfer to <a href="mailto:messiah@sasktel.net">messiah@sasktel.net</a> (no password needed). Contact Cheryl at 306.961.2967 to discuss options.

Thanks for your faithful support of ministry at Messiah.









Delegates, special guests, visitors and volunteers gathered over four days, July 10 – 13, 2025, for worship, business sessions, farewell to outgoing National Bishop Susan Johnson, and fellowship.

Bishop-elect **Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer** concluded the gathering with a resounding reminder of hope, and why we rejoice ... "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may have hope for the power of the Holy Spirit". For full election and motion results, photos, and news stories, you are invited to visit: <a href="elecic.ca/national-convention">elecic.ca/national-convention</a>. If you'd like to watch the convention, the livestream has been archived on the <a href="ELCIC YouTube channel">ELCIC YouTube channel</a>. Sask Synod Delegates will be preparing a report to be distributed to all congregations; stay tuned or go to <a href="https://elcic.ca/national-convention/">https://elcic.ca/national-convention/</a> for more information.



To: Saskatchewan Lutheran Congregations From: Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Health Authorities (SHA) have changed their practice of recording patient religious preferences. Unless a patient declares their religious preference as Lutheran when admitted to hospital, LuMinHoS Chaplain, Pastor Richard Engel, will not know. Lutheran patients must clearly ask for the Lutheran Chaplain to visit them. Families may let Pastor Engel know directly by phone or text at 306 229 1663 or email <a href="mailto:chaplain@luminhos.org">chaplain@luminhos.org</a>.

### **GATHERING & WELCOME**

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

**Introduction:** "O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

### **GATHERING SONG: 'Sweet Hour of Prayer'** (TFF#242)

- Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
- Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burnwith strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
- Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.

  And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

#### **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 / HYMN OF PRAISE: 'Father, I Adore You' (W&P#37 – v1) Father, I adore you; Lay my life before you; How I love you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### WORD

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

### **PSALM 138**

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the Gods I will sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- <sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

- <sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
- <sup>7</sup> though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- <sup>8</sup> You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

### READING: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

Alleluia. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁻ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ௧ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁶ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹ I Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹ 2 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹ 3 If you then, who are

evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

**SERMON: Pastor John** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 'What A Friend We Have in Jesus** (ELW#742 – v1-2)

### **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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world, God of grace, **Hear our prayer**.

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray especially for . . . Larissa / Taylor & family, Pastor Dan, Len, Dick, Treasa, Diana, Leon, Sheila, Waynne, Glen, Pearl, Stanley, Michelle, Trudy, Rose, Barb, Rose, Pastor Ron, Sheila, Sharon, Ray, Knute, Jean, Audrey, and all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace, hear our prayer.

. . .

We give thanks for all who have gone before us, and we name **Mary Serfas**. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer**. Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

### LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **PEACE**

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

#### THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING HYMN: 'God Is So Good'** (TFF#275-v1)

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### SENDING

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

## **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace. (sung) **Amen. Amen.** 

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG: 'Go My Children, With My Blessing'** (ELW#543)

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God!

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