

## **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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Messiah Office:

*The office will be closed July 28 – August 15. Reopens August 19.*

*The office phone and email will be checked on a daily basis.*

### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion @ 10:30am**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Rick Johnson    **Musician:** Colleen Bowen

*The service is broadcast live at 10:30am and posted on the Messiah YouTube channel.*

**Sunday, August 3: Coffee in the Peace Chapel (9:45am) before the Worship Service**

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**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.**




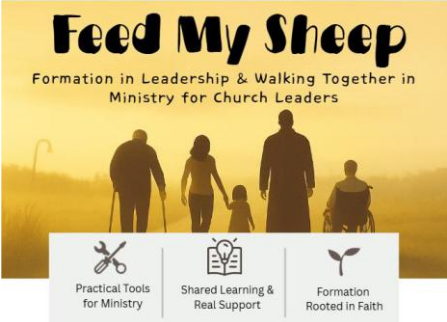
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**Stewardship at Messiah:** *'Share Our Gifts' sheets are available in the Narthex. Please complete the survey and return it to the black tray on the table in the Narthex. It includes some of our planning sessions ideas which is an opportunity to identify projects or activities that might be of interest. And, please consider volunteering as a weekly worship assistant – sign up sheet is in the Sanctuary entry or contact the Messiah Office ([messiah@sasktel.net](mailto:messiah@sasktel.net) or 306.763.7374).*

**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 [messiah@sasktel.net](mailto:messiah@sasktel.net) (no password needed). Contact Cheryl at 306.961.2967 to discuss options.

*Thanks for your faithful support of ministry at Messiah.*

## Upcoming in and around the Synod & beyond

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zion Lutheran Church</b>  <b>504 Windsor Street, Weyburn</b>  <b>100 years of Faith 1925-2025</b></p>	<p><b>All are invited!!! Saturday, August 16 - Sunday, August 17. All activities will be held at the church.</b>          For further information or clarification, please call the Zion office - 306-842-2222 or email <a href="mailto:mrs.zion@sasktel.net">mrs.zion@sasktel.net</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lutheran Campus Ministry</b></p>	<p><b>Save The Date! The Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser supper is set for Saturday, September 27; reception at 5 pm &amp; supper at 6:00pm at Smiley's Buffet in Saskatoon.</b> Come to hear how the ministry of post-Secondary students is evolving and growing. Enjoy a great meal at Smiley's, fellowship, entertainment, and the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship, and support. Tickets will be available at the end of August.</p>
	<p><b>Due to SaskHealth Authority (SHA) changes, patients must clearly ask for the Lutheran Chaplain to visit them.</b> Families can provide information to the LuMinHoS Chaplain/volunteers by phoning 306 229 1663 or email <a href="mailto:chaplain@luminhos.org">chaplain@luminhos.org</a>.</p>
	<p><b>2025 Annual General Meeting: Sunday, September 14.</b>          Location TBD.</p> <p><b>Annual LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon – Saturday, September 20, starting at 10am.</b> The walk begins at, Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, and takes 35 – 55 minutes. Pledge sheets are to be delivered to Zion Lutheran Church by 10am, September 20. Posters are on the Messiah notice boards, and pledge sheets are available on the table in the Narthex.</p>
	<p><b>Feed My Sheep is a 10-month online leadership program for clergy and lay leaders in ministry.</b> The course includes a community of learning, practical resources, a 360 degree feedback experience, optional 1:1 coaching, and faith-based content on best leadership and administration practices for ministry. The first session is August 20 (2 hours), and continues on a monthly basis until June 2026. It is open to Clergy and Lay Leaders in Ministry in any Christian Denomination. Dates are subject to change up until the end of August 2025, when the final calendar will be provided to registrants. Two books will be purchased by participants in addition to the registration fees.</p> <p><b>The cost is \$1,500/person; registration and payment arrangements should be made by August 17. For more information: <a href="https://leahperrault.com/feed-my-sheep-2/">https://leahperrault.com/feed-my-sheep-2/</a></b></p>

## GATHERING & WELCOME

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

**Introduction:** Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**GATHERING SONG:** ELW#532 'Gather Us In'

### 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:** ELW#512 'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### WORD

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

#### PSALM 49:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
- <sup>2</sup> **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- <sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**
- <sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- <sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**
- <sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
- <sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- <sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
- <sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

#### READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (spoken)

***Alleluia.*** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ***Alleluia.***

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **SERMON: Pastor Rick Johnson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW#685 'Take My Life, That I May Be'

#### **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, saying God of grace, and responding **hear our prayer.**

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Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially*) **Larissa / Taylor & family, Pastor Dan, Len, Dick, Treasa, Diana, Leon, Sheila, Wayne, 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. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

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

### **MEAL & THANKSGIVING**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING:** ELW#689 'Praise and Thanksgiving'

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray: **Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **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.**

**Invitation to Communion:** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** Instrumental

**Prayer after Communion:** Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **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. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG:** ELW#775 'Jesus, Priceless Treasure'

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

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