



## **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 12 – 2pm

### **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost @ 10:30am**

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

**Worship Assistants:** Cheryl Bauer Hyde, George Cramer, Wayne Hyde, Jean Meyers

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

**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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#### **Upcoming @ Messiah**

- **Sunday, August 31: Hot Dog Lunch following the service.**
- **Sunday, September 14: Lori James, Director of Mission & Spiritual Care, and Laura Hunter, Chief People Officer, LutherCare Communities, will participate in the service; followed by potluck lunch.**
- **Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Bible Studies: details to be announced.**

**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.*

***Around the Community, the Saskatchewan Synod & beyond ...***

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| <p><b>Zion Lutheran Church</b><br/> <b>504 Windsor Street, Weyburn</b><br/> <b>100 years of Faith 1925-2025</b></p>                                                                                   | <p><b>All are invited!!! Saturday, August 16 - Sunday, August 17.</b><br/> <b>All activities will be held at the church.</b><br/>         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><b>Employment Opportunity</b></p>  <p><b>LUTHERAN</b><br/>         theological seminary<br/> <b>SASKATOON</b></p> | <p><b>Employment Opportunity: Administration &amp; Advancement Officer</b> - Are you a friendly, detail-oriented professional with a background in finance or donor relations? Do you enjoy the collaborative spirit of non-profit work? Are you looking for a flexible, values-based workplace where your contributions truly matter?<br/> <b>Application deadline August 25; go to Lutheran Theological Seminary website for information.</b></p>        |
| <p><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>LuMinHoS</b><br/>         Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon</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><br/>         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>Morris &amp; Betty Anderson</b><br/> <b>Memorial Service</b><br/> <b>Saturday, September 20</b></p>                                                                                             | <p>All are invited to join the Anderson family (Susan, Stephen, Philip) to honour their Mom and Dad with a memorial service and reception at Christ Lutheran Church, 4825 Dewdney Avenue, Regina; Saturday, September 20 @ 2pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**GATHERING & WELCOME**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Introduction:** *The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

**GATHERING SONG:** ELW#525 ‘You are Holy’

**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. **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**WORD**

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

**PSALM: 82: 1-8**

<sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

<sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.’

<sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God’s judgment, he suffers rejection. Today’s reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God’s word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#798 'Will You Come and Follow Me'**

**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**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound (*especially*) **Larissa / Taylor & family, Pastor Dan, Stirling, Bill, 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. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **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' (vs.1,2)**

## 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 & BENEDICTION

The love of God abounds 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#439 'Soon and Very Soon'

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