



## Messiah Lutheran Church

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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 11am – 2pm

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Blessing of Backpacks & Holy Communion @ 10:30am September 21, 2025

**Worship Leader:** Pastor John Mayer Dut      **Musicians:** Colleen Bowen, Lisa Haight, Gord Hein  
**Worship Assistants:** Merv Bender, Louise Fornal, Joy Gjesdal, Betty Haugen, Ken Haugen, Arlene Wagner

**Coffee in the Peace Chapel (9:45am) before the Worship Service**

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

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

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



### UPCOMING @ MESSIAH

**WELCOME BACK** to Sunday School – starts **TODAY** (September 21) during the service;  
bring your backpack to the service.

**Note:** Pastor John will be attending the Synod Leadership Conference for Rostered Ministers (FLAG) in Moose Jaw from September 23 – 25.



#### † Bible Studies (in person or via Zoom):

- **Weekly on Wednesday at 7pm, also on zoom:** Meeting ID: 885 6495 2469 & Passcode: 518446  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564952469?pwd=yAY3S5UwbKXH7MLDyTJxTLN0lpkcrZ.1>
- **Monthly - third Tuesday @ 7pm (next October 21), also on zoom:** Meeting ID: 859 1940 4343; Passcode: 210248;  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85919404343?pwd=t0A2kA5mg58xSGnD5lQpzOSeNfuNjR.1>

† **Coffee & Conversation:** Join us on the first and third Thursdays @ 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

† **Confirmation Classes:** contact Pastor John (306.961.0877)

† **Men's Breakfast Group:** Monthly the last Saturday @ 9am; details/location to be announced (Merv 306.960.8346)

† **Senior Homes Worship Services (monthly):** Mont St. Joseph Home (first Wednesday);  
Points West Living (first Thursday); Good Shepherd Villas (second Tuesday).

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

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

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

	<p><b>Eternity for Today</b> is a daily devotional following the lectionary of the church and provides daily reflections and prayers from ELCIC members across the church. The October – December book has arrived and there are a few copies available. To reserve a copy, please contact the Messiah office at 306.763.7374.</p>
<p><b>Lutheran Campus Ministry</b></p> 	<p>The <b>Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser supper</b> is <b>Saturday, September 27</b>; reception at 5 pm &amp; supper at 6:00pm at <b>Smiley's Buffet in Saskatoon</b>. Enjoy a great meal, fellowship, entertainment, and the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship, and support. Email <a href="mailto:luth.chap@usask.ca">luth.chap@usask.ca</a> or phone 306.653.2509 for more information.</p>
	<p><b>Annual LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon – Saturday, September 20, starting at 10am</b>, beginning at Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon.  <b>45th Anniversary Celebration: Sunday, November 2.</b>          Details to follow.</p>
<p><b>Lutheran Anglican Women</b></p>	<p>'<b>Christ Be Our Light</b>' is the gathering theme, Saturday, October 18 - 9:30am to 4pm, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon  <b>Details:</b> \$20 per person; Please bring your own lunch  <b>Register:</b> With Bev Otsuka: <a href="mailto:bevotsuka@gmail.com">bevotsuka@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Memorial Service for Morris &amp; Betty Anderson; Saturday, September 20 @ 2pm</b>  <b>Christ Lutheran Church Regina.</b> Watch the Service by going to the Christ Lutheran Church website (<a href="http://clcregina.ca">clcregina.ca</a>). Following the service, it can be viewed on the Christ Lutheran Church Regina YouTube page.</p>	
	<p>SEPT 26-28: PRAYER RETREAT          OCT 31 - NOV 2: YOUTH RETREAT          DEC 5-7: ADVENT RETREAT</p>
 	<p>In 2025, LutherCare Communities celebrates 70 years of serving Saskatchewan residents, with an <b>anniversary dinner on October 21</b>, at the Elim Church Atrium in Saskatoon; reception at 5:45pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$100 (\$55 tax receipt). Seating is limited. For tickets or more information, email <a href="mailto:foundation@luthercare.com">foundation@luthercare.com</a> or call (306)649-6364.</p> <p>Luther Tower Tenants' Association – <b>Fundraising Bazaar - Saturday, November 1</b>, from 12:30 – 2:30pm; Tower Dining Room, 1223 Temperance Street. Everyone Welcome!</p>
	<p>All are warmly invited to the <b>Service of Installation for Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer on Saturday, September 27 at 3pm SK (4pm CDT)</b> at Faith Lutheran Church, Winnipeg. Please attend in person, or gather using livestream (go to <a href="http://elcic.ca">elcic.ca</a> - and you are encouraged to share a photo of your gathering at <a href="mailto:info@elcic.ca">info@elcic.ca</a> and on social media using #myelcic).</p>

- For anyone who would like to take a look at the last full year of events and where L.C.B.I is headed for the future, please check out the BEACON!  
[Church Events\LCBI\Beacon-Summer-2025.pdf](https://www.lcbi.ca/Church%20Events/LCBI/Beacon-Summer-2025.pdf)



## GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

### GATHERING SONG: ACS#1043 'Spirit, Open My Heart'

**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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (Blessing of Backpacks)

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." <sup>7</sup> The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 113: 1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. Word of God, word of life. **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: Luke 16:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS#1062 'Build a Longer Table'

### 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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

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Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones (*especially*) **the Tash family, Daryl, Larissa, Taylor & family, 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 silently in our hearts.

May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care.

God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

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We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### PEACE

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

## THANKSGIVING & MEAL

**OFFERING: ELW#679 'For the Fruit of All Creation' (v.1)**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (ELWp.190):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**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:** Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** Instrumental

**Prayer after Communion:**

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG: ELW#839 'Now Thank We All Our God'**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

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