



Messiah Lutheran Church

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

September 28 @ 10:30am: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

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



Sunday School: During the service after the Children's Message

Bible Studies (in person in the Peace Chapel or via Zoom):

Weekly on Wednesday at 7pm – Zoom Meeting ID: 885 6495 2469 & Passcode: 518446

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564952469?pwd=yAY3S5UwbKXH7MLDyTJxTLN0lpkcrZ.1>

Monthly - third Tuesday @ 7pm (next October 21) – 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 (**next October 2**) @ 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). Pineview Terrance (fourth Wednesday)

Thanksgiving Service (October 12 @ 10:30pm)

Contributions of garden produce, plants and flowers are welcome to decorate the Messiah Sanctuary. Items can be brought to the Sunday service, October 5, or to the office Tuesday to Friday (October 7 – 10) from 11am – 2pm.

Please bring a memento or story to the Thanksgiving Service that celebrates thanksgiving for you!

You will be invited to share your memory during the Service.

Financial Stewardship at Messiah: 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 (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 ...

	Eternity for Today is a daily devotional following the church lectionary providing daily reflections / prayers from ELCIC members. There are a few copies available of the October – December book. To reserve a copy, please contact the Messiah office at 306.763.7374.
Lutheran Campus Ministry 	The Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser supper is Saturday, September 27; reception at 5 pm & supper at 6:00pm at Smiley's Buffet, Saskatoon. Enjoy a great meal, fellowship, entertainment, and the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship, and support. Email luth.chap@usask.ca or phone 306.653.2509 for more information.
	45th Anniversary Celebration Banquet & Fundraiser: Sunday, November 2, 5:30pm; Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Avenue, Saskatoon (\$50 ticket includes a day pass to Boomtown). Contact congregational representative, Cheryl @ 306.961.2967 if you would like to purchase a ticket(s). All are invited to participate in a Mass choir at the event. Interested choir directors and individuals - contact Deborah Buck dbuck@sasktel.net. Rehearsal is Thursday, October 30 @ 7pm at Augustana Lutheran 1201 Broadway Ave South (7th St Entrance).
Lutheran Anglican Women	'Christ Be Our Light' is the gathering theme, Saturday, October 18 - 9:30am to 4pm, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon Details: \$20 per person; Please bring your own lunch Register: With Bev Otsuka: bevotsuka@gmail.com
KINASAO FALL RETREATS	OCT 31 – NOV 2: YOUTH RETREAT DEC 5-7: ADVENT RETREAT
	In 2025, LutherCare Communities celebrates 70 years of serving Saskatchewan residents, with an anniversary dinner on October 21, 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 foundation@luthercare.com or call (306)649-6364. Luther Tower Tenants' Association – Fundraising Bazaar - Saturday, November 1, from 12:30 – 2:30pm; Everyone Welcome!
	All are warmly invited to the Service of Installation for Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer on Saturday, September 27 at 3pm SK (4pm CDT) at Faith Lutheran Church, Winnipeg. Please attend in person, or gather using livestream (go to elcic.ca - and you are encouraged to share a photo of your gathering at info@elcic.ca and on social media using #myelcic).

SEPTEMBER 30

Please acknowledge this national day in a way that honours and celebrates the heart of 'Truth and Reconciliation'.



**NATIONAL DAY
OF TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**
SEPTEMBER 30

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold who comes to us risen from the dead who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: Voices United #395 ‘Come In, Come in and Sit Down’

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 / CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Voices United #638 ‘God, Take My Hand’

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Children’s Message

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel’s great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God’s people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:1-10

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus

to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.’²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: Voices United #427 ‘To Show by Touch and Word’

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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We pray for people in any need (*especially*) **Ken, Annette & Dennis, 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 silent in our hearts. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. 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.**

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: 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.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: ELW#538 'The Lord Now Sends Us Forth'

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

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