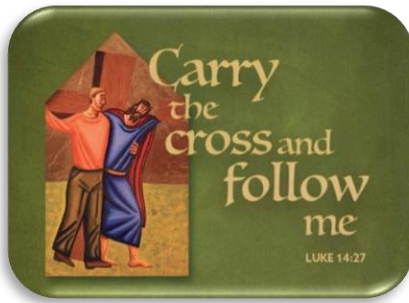




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Messiah Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 11am – 2pm

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost @ 10:30am – September 7, 2025

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.



Many prayers and condolences to Marlene, Adam, Brendan and Austin Tash, and their many family & friends on the sudden loss of their father and husband **Wayne Tash**. Wayne lost his short battle with cancer on August 29th, at the age of 62. Celebration of Life will be held @ 11:00am, Saturday Sept 6th at St. Joseph's Parish.
“²⁴ *The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*” – Numbers 6: 24-26



UPCOMING @ MESSIAH

- **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.
- **Bible Studies (in person or via Zoom):**
 - Weekly on Wednesday at 7pm beginning September 17
 - Monthly on the third Tuesday @ 7pm beginning September 16
- **Coffee & Conversation:** September 18 @ 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 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 etransfer 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 ...

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 in Saskatoon. Come to hear how the ministry of post-Secondary students is evolving and growing. Enjoy a great meal, fellowship, entertainment, and the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship, and support. Ticket information to follow.
 LuMinHoS Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon	2025 Annual General Meeting: Sunday, September 14 @ 7pm. Grace Lutheran Church, 603 – 115th Street, Saskatoon. Go to Upcoming Events (www.luminhos.org) for the Bulletin of Reports.
	Annual LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon – Saturday, September 20, starting at 10am, beginning at Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon. Posters are on the Messiah notice boards, and pledge sheets are available on the table in the Narthex.
	45th Anniversary Celebration: Sunday, November 2, 2025. Details posted soon.
Lutheran Anglican Women	Saturday, October 18, 2025 - 9:30am to 4pm, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon Theme: Christ Be Our Light; Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ann Salmon Details: \$20 per person; Please bring your own lunch Register: With Bev Otsuka: bevotsuka@gmail.com
Morris & Betty Anderson Memorial Service; Saturday, September 20 @ 2pm Christ Lutheran Church, 4825 Dewdney Avenue, Regina	
KINASAO FALL RETREATS	SEPT 19-21: FILL YOUR FREEZER RETREAT SEPT 26-28: PRAYER RETREAT OCT 31 – NOV 2: YOUTH RETREAT DEC 5-7: ADVENT RETREAT

LutherCare Communities 70th Anniversary

On June 11, LutherCare Communities celebrated 70 years of serving Saskatchewan residents. Since opening in 1955 with 58 residents, the organization has grown significantly - changing its name to LutherCare Communities in 1999 to reflect its growth in services and location. Today, more than 500 Team Members serve approximately 1,200 residents.

A dinner will be held on October 21, 2025. Anybody interested in attending the 70th Dinner should contact LutherCare Communities at info@luthercare.com.

[Prince Albert Christian Women's After 5 Connection](#) (click for PDF)

Monday September 15, 2025 @ 7:00pm Dinner at Coronet Hotel.

Reservations, please contact Sharon at 306-764-7064 – brownsharon299@gmail.com

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" to choose life in God as our own.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#838 'Beautiful Saviour'

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. **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1:1-6

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in

Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELWp.188)

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#808 'Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song'

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

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We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely (*especially*) **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 in our hearts. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

...

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#583 'Take My Life, That I May Be (vs.1-2)

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#805 'Lead On, O King Eternal'

DISMISSAL

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