



Messiah Lutheran Church

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

October 19 @ 10:30am: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion

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.

**HOT DOG Lunch – following the service - hosted by the Men's Group & Friends.
Free Will Offering. All are welcome!**

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.



- ... to Linda and Colleen for their leadership of our Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service.
- ... to the worship assistants for their participation during the Worship Service.
- ... to everyone that contributed to our Thanksgiving potluck lunch, and those that assisted with set up and cleaning up.

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 ID: 885 6495 2469 & Passcode: 518446
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564952469?pwd=yAY3S5UwbKXH7MLDyTJxTLN0lpkcrZ.1>
- **Monthly - third Tuesday @ 7pm (next October 21)** – Zoom 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). Pineview Terrance (fourth Wednesday)

Thanks for your faithful support of ministry at Messiah.

Financial Stewardship at Messiah: If you are away and not regularly attending Sunday Services, offerings can be brought to 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.

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

 <p style="text-align: right;">October 16, 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Did you know?</p> <p>Up to 720 million people didn't have enough to eat, that's more than 8% of the world's population. Conflict is one of the main reasons that people can't access enough food, and in the last decade the number of armed conflicts has gone up by 50%. Climate change causes more unpredictable and intense weather which makes it harder for farmers to grow enough food to support their families. This World Food Day, please join in prayer for a more sustainable future where everyone has enough nourishing food to eat.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Come watch and discuss the plenary sessions of the 6th World Conference on Faith and Order!</p>	<p>The World Council of Churches is convening a conference to mark the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the development of the Nicene Creed. This important gathering in the history of the ecumenical movement will be happening near Alexandria, Egypt, from October 24-28. There will be a livestream. For more information and to register, go to - https://pcecumenism.ca -Where Now for Visible Unity: A North American Watch Party!</p>
	<p><i>45th Anniversary Celebration Banquet & Fundraiser:</i> 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). Those interested in joining the Mass choir - contact Deborah Buck dbuck@sasktel.net. Rehearsal is Thursday, October 30 @ 7pm at Augustana Lutheran, 1201 Broadway Ave South.</p>
	<p>For more information or to registered, go to: kinasao.ca.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 31- November 2: Youth Retreat • November 23: Christmas at Camp - Kinasio Twinkle Tour • December 5-7: Advent Retreat
 <p style="text-align: center;">Fundraising Bazaar Tower Dining Room on the 22nd Floor 1223 Temperance Street</p>	<p>LutherCare's 70th anniversary dinner on October 21, Elim Church Atrium in Saskatoon; reception at 5:45pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$100 (\$55 tax receipt). For tickets or more information, mail foundation@luthercare.com or call (306)649-6364.</p> <p>Luther Tower Tenants' Association – Fundraising Bazaar - Saturday, November 1, from 12:30 – 2:30pm; on 22nd floor of 1223 Temperance Street. Everyone Welcome! For further information, please contact: Lorraine Harilstad: (306) 652-2497</p>

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

October 16 was "**World Food Day**" – Global hunger is on the rise and as many as 720 million people around the world go to bed hungry. In recognition of World Food Day, our prayers today will include those for a future where everyone has enough nourishing food to eat.

GATHERING SONG: ELW#733 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'

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, our creator, we are mindful of your many gifts this harvest season, yet we know the daily reality for many in our own country and around the world who live with not enough or no food, in areas of disaster, touched by war, displacement and violence. Move us to respond with generous hearts, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the unhoused, and welcoming the stranger, even as we work to eliminate food insecurity, advocate for solutions to end poverty, and live in harmony with the earth, until your peace and justice reign, and until all are fed. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121: 1-8

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. 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 18:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually

coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS#1078 ‘There Is A Longing in Our Hearts’

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

Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.
God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

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We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer (*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, and show them your love.
God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

...

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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’

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.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#638 'Blessed Assurance'

ANNOUNCEMENTS & TABLE GRACE

Table Grace: *Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be. Amen.*

DISMISSAL

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

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