Upcoming Worship Service

July 19 – 10:30am; in person / live
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee in the Peace Chapel before the Service

Live on the Messiah YouTube page; posted for later viewing.

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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 or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.

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Note these dates!	**August 22: Vacation Bible School** **September 13: ELCIC Day of Action event**
Caring Ministry & Community Service	**Food Bank: donations collected weekly.** **Community donations: various organizations such as the YWCA, Relative's Lodge, Salvation Army, John Howard Community Closet, Metis Prince Albert** distribute support to those who can use some help. You can drop off blankets, hygiene items, towels, jackets, socks, shoes, underwear, and other gently used clothing. We'll make sure it get delivered to one of these organizations.
New to You	**Check out the table in the closet section of the narthex**. Do you have household items that may be of use or interest to our congregation or their friends/neighbours, bring them to Messiah. If you see something that you or someone you know could use, take it home. This is another way to recycle!
Sunday School, Bible Studies, Coffee & Conversation, Confirmation – resume in September; watch for updates	

STEWARDSHIP AT MESSIAH:

". . .be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Worship and Around the Building: Reading, powerpoint, communion assistant, ushering, altar guild – are you willing to help at Messiah worship services? You can sign the assistant list when you are at a worship service or phone/email the Messiah office. There are lots of other needs if you have some time and interest such as property (outside and inside) maintenance; phone Wayne at 306.960.1074. Or helping with the children's area and books. If you have other ideas or suggestions, please talk to Council members: Cheryl Bauer Hyde, David Bragg, Byron Bender, Merv Bender, Wayne Manchur, Linda Moriarty, Joy Weinberger, Pastor John.

Financial: If you are away or not regularly attending Sunday Services, offerings can be brought to the Messiah office (phone 306.763.7374) **OR** donate electronically by preauthorized debit **OR** etransfer to messiah@sasktel.net (no password needed). Contact Cheryl at 306.961.2967.

Thank you for your faithful and prayerful support of ministry at Messiah!

STEPHEN MINISTRY: June 12 – 14, 2026. What an incredible 30th anniversary celebration for Stephen Ministry! We recognized and reunited with past and present Stephen Ministers and Leaders over the past 30 years from Zion and Resurrection. Good Shepherd and Messiah Prince Albert have become a huge part of our present core group as well. A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who came out and participated, shared stories, who were fed with food for the soul as well as their bodies.

Friday night we enjoyed a gathering with appetizers and punch and welcomed members we hadn't seen in some time. Lots of catching up was done. Saturday was filled with devotions, music, food, games, food, stories and testimonials and more food! We topped the evening off with a turkey supper banquet and some incredibly powerful and motivational words from our own, Bishop Ali. We unveiled a new banner (Thank you Margaret Fast!) to celebrate our 30 year milestone. Sunday worship was held at Zion, led by and hosted by the Stephen Leaders. A special thanks to Pastor Sean Bell for the timely sermon and for keeping the weekend flowing smoothly. Thanks to Redeemer for the space to celebrate and to Zion for the special worship service. A huge thanks to all who attended and participated. We trust that this ministry continues to be valuable and significant in your congregations for many more years to come!

Worship Service - Sunday, July 19, 2026 (8th Sunday after Pentecost)
Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut Musician: Colleen Bowen
Worship Assistants: Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Merv Bender, Wayne Hyde, Jean Meyers

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

Introduction: *It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#856 'How Great Thou Art'

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8
There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.
6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. 7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. 8 Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:11-17
11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.
13 For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.
14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.
15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
16 Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV#612 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

24 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,25 but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#508 'As Rain From The Clouds'

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

. . .

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. *We pray especially for . . .* **Wayne, Don, Ken, Daryl, Larissa/Taylor & family**, **Dick, Treasa, Diana**, **Leon**, **Sheila**, **Waynne, Pearl, Stanley, Rose**, **Rose, Sheila, Sharon, Jean**, **Audrey,** and all those we name aloud or in our heart. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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 HYMN: ELW#689 'Praise & Thanksgiving' (vs.1,2**)**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.**
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Music during Communion: Instrumental

Prayer after Communion: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

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

BLESSING & BENEDCTION
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
(*sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#638 Blessed Assurance

ANNOUCEMENTS

DISMISSAL: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! Thanks be to God!

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