Upcoming Worship Service

July 26 – 10:30am; in person / live
9th 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.

@ MESSIAH

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!

Upcoming at Kinasao: go to Kinasao.ca for details and to RSVP

Music Night: Gather in the Campground Picnic Shelter for a night of music, come ready to tap your toes and sign along!
August 8 @ 7pm
Alison Uitti & Friends

Wing Night - August 29, 5pm: Enjoy the Riders Game with a plate of wings, crispy fries and coleslaw! $10/person (age 0-5 are free), contact Kinasao for tickets. Bring your own plate, cup and cutlery!

Poutine Bar - September 13, 5pm: Join us for one more community meal! Spend the afternoon helping prepare for the Twinkle Tour, and stay for a poutine bar for supper! Please RSVP for the meal. A free will offering will be collected. Bring your own cup, cutlery and plate!

Worship Plan for Sunday, July 26, 2026
Worship Leader: Cheryl Bauer Hyde (Sermon: Rev. Christine Morrow-Wolfe) Musician: Colleen Bowen
Worship Assistants: Louise Fornal, Wayne Hyde, Garry Miller

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

Introduction: *As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#533 'Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty'

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. **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12
Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.
5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give
you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David
because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you,
and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne
today. 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I
am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the
people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give
your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and
evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked
this. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or
for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do
according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before
you, and no one like you shall arise after you." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:129-136
129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.
130 **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**
131 I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

132 **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**
133 Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**
135 Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.
136 **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39
These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.
26 The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
31 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." 33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." 44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Rev. Christine

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#659 'Will You Let Me Be Your Servant'

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 wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. *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.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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 HYMN: OSB#26 'Have Thine Own Way' (Verses 1, 4)

1 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

4 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

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.**

BLESSING
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#870 'We Praise You, O God'

DISMISSAL:
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

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