

Upcoming Worship Service

August 23 – 10:30am
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee in the Peace Chapel before the Service

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

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Messiah Office August hours:

Tuesday – Thursday; 12noon – 2pm

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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.



In loving memory of Lucille (Holt) Ravndahl who passed away May 19, 2026.

Her memorial service was held on August 15, at Lake Park Lutheran Church, Birch Hills.

Condolences to Melanie, Lyle, Ryan and Scott Federenko, and the Ravndahl family.

"Your mother's legacy of love and faith lives on in the memories you hold dear."

@ MESSIAH

Dates to note! 	Saturday, August 22: Creation Care Quest - Vacation Bible School: 10am – 3pm (snacks and lunch included). Email messiah@sasktel.net or phone Pastor John @ 306.961.0877 to register. 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.
Sunday School, Bible Studies, Coffee & Conversation, Confirmation – resume in September; watch for updates	



Worship Arts Festival:

Lisa Haight and Dave Bragg headed north at the start of July to attend the 1st Annual Whitehorse Worship Arts Festival. The four-day festival was an ecumenical event hosted by the Lutheran, Anglican and United churches in Whitehorse. The event offered a variety of learning experiences; highlights included considering what role screens should play in worship, trying out several alternative service formats including a communion service while eating dinner, Holden Evening Prayer service, and “wild church” which involved an off-site field trip to a wilderness area north of Whitehorse. We also enjoyed learning about the importance of learning scripture by heart and retelling it with energy and enunciation. We truly loved the event and our time up north; we would love to share with you more about our remarkable experience!



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!

Across the Saskatchewan Synod and beyond ...

	Kinasao: go to Kinasao.ca or phone 306.941.6372 for details - August 22: Season Finale Medieval Banquet - August 29: Wing Night (Riders Game) - September 4 – 7: Kinasao Staff Alumni Retreat - September 13: Twinkle Tour preparation / Poutine Bar - September 18 – 20: Prayer Retreat - September 25 – 27: Fill Your Freezer
	September 19 @ 10am - LuMinHoS WALKATHON. Starting at Zion Lutheran, Saskatoon. This year's fund-raising goal is \$10,000+. Pledge forms are on the LuMinHoS website (Upcoming Events - Walkathon), on the table in the Messiah Narthex, or talk to our LuMinHoS representative, Cheryl (306.961.2967).
	Join us for our next Conversations Across the Church on Sunday, September 13 @ 5pm CST. Our focus for the third Conversations Across the Church of the year will be on Season of Creation — a time to come together in prayer and action. ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer will be joined by three speakers on why this is a priority for our church. Join with ELCIC members across the church for Conversations Across the Church by registering: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-PPJGV3gQ2SLvj9Mr1Rwyg (Note, you must register to receive the Zoom link.) Watch previous Conversations Across the Church online events by going to Conversations Across the Church - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
 Save the Date!	• Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner (October 3) • Lutheran & Anglican Women's Retreat (October 31)
Anniversary Celebrations	• Trinity Lutheran, Saskatoon, 115th Anniversary (Sept. 12, 13) • Bethany, Inglis, MB - 125th anniversary, Thanksgiving 2026

Worship for Sunday, August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Musician: Colleen Bowen

Worship Assistants: Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Merv Bender, Louise Fornal, Betty Haugen, Wayne Hyde

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#518 'We Eat the Bread of Teaching'

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. **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138: 1-8

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#597 'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less'

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day (*especially*) **Kaylee, Wayne, Ken, Daryl, Larissa/Taylor & family, Dick, Treasa, Diana, Leon, Sheila, Wayne, Stanley, Rose, Rose, Sheila, Sharon, Jean, Audrey**, and all those we name aloud or in our heart. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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)

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 & BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG: ACS#1024 'Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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