

Upcoming Worship Service

August 16 – 10:30am
12th 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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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

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. No charge to attend / registration closes August 20. 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!	

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!

Worship for Sunday, August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

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

Introduction: *In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heals her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

GATHERING SONG: WOV# 719 'God Is Here'

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. **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, 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 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹ Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67:1-7

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV# 612 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah' (sing twice through, and clap along)

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV#767 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

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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For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*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.**

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: WOV#783 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God'

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 & BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG: WOV#721 Go, My Children with My Blessing'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Across the Saskatchewan Synod and beyond ...

 Save the Date!	Kinasao: go to Kinasao.ca or phone 306.941.6372 for details and to RSVP - August 22: Season Finale Banquet - August 29: Wing Night (Riders Game) - September 4 – 7: Kinasao Staff Alumni Retreat
	• 2026 LuMinHoS Walkathon (September 19) • 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 weekend, 2026