

Sunday's Worship Service

August 30 – 10:30am
14th 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.



Our condolences to Kurtis, Spencer, Brittane and their children on the recent passing of their mother and grandmother, **Crystalle Ebbinga**. Crystalle's husband, Pastor Jerry Ebbinga (deceased 2015) served at Messiah from 1973 – 1978. From Bishop Ali:
"We give thanks and praise to God for their ministry and their leadership. May God's comfort and strength be with their family as they mourn Crystalle's passing and celebrate her life."

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A wonderful day at Messiah - Vacation Bible School.

Thanks to [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) for the Creation Care Quest resources. A day of singing, prayer, exploring, playing, creating, laughter, and a visit to the community garden. Thanks to P.John, Imani, May, Wayne, Cheryl; Merv and Byron for preparing a wonderful lunch; Rose for great cookies; and Linda for tasty carrots and cucumbers.

A big thanks to **Wayne Hyde** for a great job clearing vegetation and debris from the driveway and grounds around Messiah.



Upcoming Dates to Note!



September 13: ELCIC Day of Action: Sunday School begins during the worship service; then a Pancake & Sausage Lunch; followed by making and delivering sandwiches as part of the [Reaching Out program](#). We would also like to provide cookies and muffins. If you are able to contribute, please sign the list on the table in the Narthex.

More details to follow (contact Pastor John if you have questions):

- **September 3:** Coffee & Conversation at 10am in the Peace Chapel; all are welcome!
- **September 15:** Monthly (third Tuesday of each month) Bible Study @ 7pm (Peace Chapel in person and zoom)
- **September 16:** Weekly Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study @ 7pm ((Peace Chapel in person and zoom)
- **September 20:** Confirmation sessions begin following Sunday's Worship Service.

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.

Across the Saskatchewan Synod and beyond ...

	Kinasao: go to Kinasao.ca or phone 306.941.6372 for details - 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
	<u>September 19 @ 10am - LuMinHoS WALKATHONS</u> 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 Messiah's LuMinHoS representative, Cheryl (306.961.2967).
	Join us for on Sunday, September 13 @ 5pm CST. Our focus for the third Conversations Across the Church is Season of Creation. ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer will be joined by three speakers on why this is a priority for our church. Note: you must register to receive a Zoom link and to join with ELCIC members: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/PPJGV3gQ2SLvj9Mr1Rwyg Watch previous Conversations Across the Church online events: 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
	<u>In a pastoral letter to the church</u>, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer is inviting members and congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to join Christians around the world in observing the 2026 Season of Creation from September 1 to October 4. This year's theme, <i>Living Water</i>, is inspired by Ezekiel 47:9–12 and invites the church to reflect on God's life-giving waters that bring healing, renewal and flourishing for all creation.

Worship for Sunday, August 30, 2026

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Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#879 'For the Beauty of the Earth'

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ² **Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
- ⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#798 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

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 those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). **Kaylee, Wayne, Ken, Daryl, Myla, 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.**

...

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!**

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