

Sunday's Worship Service

September 20, 2026 – 10:30am

17th Sunday after Pentecost
& Holy Communion
Sunday School during the Service

Coffee in the Peace Chapel before the Service

The service is broadcast 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

Condolences and sympathy to:

Linda Moriarty on the passing of her sister, Elrose, on Sunday, September 6.

A funeral service was held Monday, September 14. Please keep Linda, Don and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Connie and all the Walters Family on the passing of Kent, on Friday, September 11.

A Tribute to a Life Well Lived is on Tuesday, September 22, at 2pm; Ches Leach Lounge (Art Hauser Centre).

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

[Matthew 11:28]



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Thank You, Thank You,
Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the ELCIC Day of Action at Messiah: the pancake and sausage lunch workers, those who baked or brought muffins and cookies, made sandwiches, and came to the riverbank to work with and support Roberta from Reaching Out Street Ministry. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and community service, and in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the ELCIC.

Upcoming Dates to Note!



- Lectionary Weekly Bible Study (Wednesday) @ 7pm in the Peace Chapel in person and via zoom
- Bible Study (third Tuesday of each month) @ 7pm in the Peace Chapel in person and via zoom
- September 20: Confirmation sessions begin following Sunday's Worship Service (continue on the first and third Sundays each month)
- Coffee & Conversation (1st and 3rd Thursdays each month) @10am in the Peace Chapel

Caring Ministry & Community Service	Care Home Services (monthly from September to June): - Pineview Terrace (fourth Wednesday @ 10:30am; September 23) - Good Shepherd Villa (second Tuesday @ 3pm; October 13) - Mont. St. Joseph (second Wednesday @ 3:30pm; October 14) Food Bank: donations collected weekly Community Donations: various organizations such as the YWCA, Relative's Lodge PAGC, Salvation Army. Metis Prince Albert, distribute and support those who can use some help. Drop off blankets, hygiene items, towels, jackets, socks, shoes, underwear, and other gently used clothing in the boxes in the Narthex. We'll make sure it get delivered to one of these organizations.
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Across the Saskatchewan Synod and beyond ...

	<u>September 19 @ 10am - LuMinHoS WALKATHON</u> Starting at Zion Lutheran, Saskatoon. 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).
	<i>Taking Truth to Action:</i> Truth and Reconciliation Week 2026 (September 21 – 25) is a time to engage with the poignant history and enduring spirit of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Join daily Lunch and Learn webinars (50-minute sessions) – an immersive experience designed to help UN-learn the myths of colonial history in Canada. To learn more / register, go to: <u>Lunch and Learns – Truth and Reconciliation Week</u> (https://trw-svr.nctr.ca/lunch-and-learns/)
	September 30 marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. Established to honour Residential School Survivors, their families, and those who never returned home, it serves as a powerful reminder of the lasting impacts of the Residential School system. The orange shirt symbolizes the loss of culture, freedom, and self-esteem that many Indigenous children experienced. This day reminds us that “Every Child Matters”.
	<i>Grace At The Table...Two Stories, Two Journeys - October 4 @ 5pm CST (4pm SK):</i> What can we learn when we take the time to listen to another person's lived experience? Guest speakers include Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken (Lutheran) and Jodey Porter (Anglican). Through our guests' individual journeys, hear about living with chronic illness, navigating blindness, discovering purpose, and allowing for greater inclusion and accessibility. To register for this event, click here or go to (https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/DiPehO_CR6ugsIPrYwCsQq#/registration)
Upcoming Events & Anniversaries Contact the ministry organization for details or pick up (table in the Narthex), or request (contact the Messiah Office) a copy of the Synod Messenger.	• Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner (October 3) • Spiritual Book Club via Zoom, beginning October 5 (go to providencerenewal.ca) • Bethany, Inglis, MB - 125th anniversary, Thanksgiving 2026 • Installation of Rev. Victoria Mwamasika, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Regina (Sunday, October 18, 3pm) • Lutheran & Anglican Women's Retreat (October 31) – poster on bulletin board

Worship for Sunday, September 20, 2026: 17th Sunday after Pentecost & Holy Communion

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#824 'This Is My Father's 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. Holy God, In the waters of baptism, you claim us as your beloved, and by your Spirit, you lead us into the wilderness where faith is tested, trust is deepened, and new life begins. As Jesus found your presence in the wild places, help us to encounter you in the beauty and mystery of creation. Grant us the wisdom to protect these places, the humility to learn from them, and the courage to care for the earth as faithful stewards of your gifts. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may leave this place strengthened to follow Christ with hope, compassion, and love. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Message

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which

there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?" The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-8

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸ **The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: HFG#361 'Alleluia' (vs.1)

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to

give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#679 'For the Fruit of All Creation'

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us; responding, **Your mercy is great.**

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Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need (*especially*) **Olga, 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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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#686 'We Give Thee but Thine Own' (vs.1)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Prayer after Communion: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace  bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#771 'God, Who Stretched the Spangled Banner'

(Tune: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL: Go out in Joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God!**

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