

Sunday's Worship Service

September 27, 2026 – 10:30am

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Note: October 4 – Potluck following the Worship Service

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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

 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 ➤ Confirmation sessions following Sunday's Worship Service (1st and 3rd Sundays each month - next October 4) ➤ Coffee & Conversation (1st and 3rd Thursdays each month – next October 1) @ 10am in the Peace Chapel
Caring Ministry & Community Service	Care Home Services (monthly from September to June): - Good Shepherd Villa (second Tuesday @ 3pm; October 13) - Mont. St. Joseph (second Wednesday @ 3:30pm; October 14) - Pineview Terrace (fourth Wednesday @ 10:30am; October 28) Food Bank: donations collected weekly Community Donations: various organizations such as the YWCA, Relative's Lodge PAGC, Salvation Army, 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.

Across the Saskatchewan Synod and beyond ...



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”.**



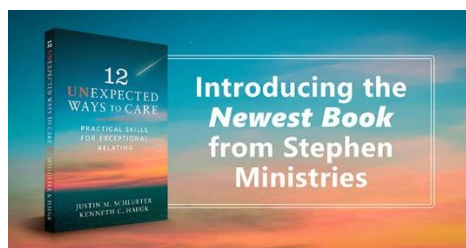
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love

Grace At The Table...Two Stories, Two Journeys - October 4 @ 5pm CST (4pm SK): 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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212793) 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



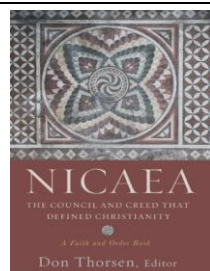
Written by Dr. Justin Schluter and Dr. Kenneth Haugk, **12 Unexpected Ways to Care** is a great resource for anyone who wants to improve their caregiving and better relate to friends, family, and others. Drawing from years of in-depth research, the book helps you break away from typical, unhelpful approaches and learn new skills to transform your everyday relating. It will expand your personal toolbox with techniques to strengthen existing relationships and forge new ones. To order: [ps://www.stephenministries.org/On_Line_Store/viewitem.cfm?ItemID=1044](https://www.stephenministries.org/On_Line_Store/viewitem.cfm?ItemID=1044)



70 YEARS

PROVIDING EXCELLENCE IN CARE, SHELTER AND SUPPORT SINCE 1955

The LutherCare Foundation invites you to join us on Tuesday, October 21, for a supper to celebrate the 70th anniversary of LutherCare Communities. The dinner will be held at the Elim Church Atrium in Saskatoon starting with a reception at 5:45pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm. The evening will be a celebration of our past and a chance to hear about our plans moving forward. Tickets are on sale now for \$100 (with a \$55 tax receipt). Seating is limited. **For tickets or more information, email foundation@luthercare.com or call (306) 649-6364.**



NICAIA - The Council and Creed that Defined Christianity ...

How did a gathering of early church leaders 1700 years ago shape the faith of billions. Bishop Ali co-authored a chapter in the book, along with the Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall. For more information and to pre-order -

<https://www.friendshippress.org/products/nicaea-the-council-and-creed-that-defined-christianity>

Worship for Sunday, September 27, 2026: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#526 '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. **Life-giving God, open our eyes to recognize your presence in the beauty of creation and in the promise of every new beginning. Teach us to cherish the rivers, streams, and waters that sustain all living things, and inspire us to protect them with gratitude and care. Send us, like the women who ran from the empty tomb with joy and courage, to proclaim the good news that your love is stronger than death and your new life is already flowing through the world. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Lesson

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to

you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor. John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#818 ‘O Master, Let Me Walk With You’

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in 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. Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...

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.**

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: ACS#1024 ‘Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand’

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation, all blessings come from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

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. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#671 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

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

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Prayer for Anxious Times

This has been a difficult week with violence, threats and acts of hate leaving many people feeling anxious and unsettled. Communities of faith and others who gather in places meant for worship, learning and community have been deeply troubled by the targeting of people because of who they are or how they worship, and are carrying real concerns about safety.

In the midst of this uncertainty we turn to prayer. We seek God's peace, holding one another in care and recommitting ourselves to communities where all people are welcomed and safe.

ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer shares the following prayer:

God of grace, you have made all people in your image.

Our hearts are heavy with the reality of racism that persists in our world, our communities and our own hearts.

Forgive us for the times we have been blind to the pain of others, silent in the face of injustice or complicit in structures and systems that divide us.

Open our eyes to see the dignity and worth of every human being and to rejoice in the diversity among your children.

Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by discrimination.

Open our minds to seek truth and transformation.

Open our lips to challenge discrimination and to proclaim your grace and unconditional love for all.

Open our hands to actively work for equity and peace until every child can live freely, and every voice is heard and honoured.

Give us courage to name what is and to work for what should be.

And give us hope that change is possible, for hope is what we do today.

Amen.