

Sunday's Worship Service

September 6 – 10:30am
15th 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.



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Upcoming Dates to Note!



September 13: ELCIC Day of Action:

- Sunday School begins during the worship service;
- Pancake & Sausage Lunch following the service;
- Then we'll make (12:30 – 1:30pm) and deliver (1:30 – 3pm) sandwiches as part of the Reaching Out program.

If you are able to contribute cookies and muffins, please sign the list on the table in the Narthex.

- Bible Study (third Tuesday of each month – **September 15**) @ 7pm in the Peace Chapel in person and via zoom
- Lectionary Bible Study (weekly each Wednesday – begins **September 16**) @ 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)

Caring Ministry & Community Service

Care Home Services (monthly from September to June):

Good Shepherd Villa (second Tuesday @ 3pm; September 8)

Mont. St. Joseph (second Wednesday @ 3:30pm; September 9)

Pineview Terrace (fourth Wednesday @ 10:30am; September 23)

Food Bank: donations collected weekly

Community Donations: various organizations such as the YWCA, Relative's Lodge PAGC, Salvation Army, John Howard Community Closet, Metis Prince Albert, distribute and support 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 ...



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/register/-PPJGV3gQ2SLvj9Mr1Rwyg>
Watch previous Conversations Across the Church online events: [Conversations Across the Church - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#)



September 19 @ 10am - LuMinHoS WALKATHON
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).



Kinasao: go to Kinasao.ca or phone 306.941.6372 for details
- **September 13:** Twinkle Tour preparation / Poutine Bar
- **September 18 – 20:** Prayer Retreat
- **September 25 – 27:** Fill Your Freezer

Upcoming Events & Anniversaries

– contact the ministry organization for details or pick up (on the table in the Narthex), or request (contact the Messiah Office) a copy of the Synod Messenger

- **St. Paul Lutheran Home, Melville, 100th Anniversary (September 10,11)**
- **Trinity Lutheran, Saskatoon, 115th Anniversary (September 12,13)**
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner (October 3)**
- **Spiritual Book Club via Zoom, monthly beginning October 5;** facilitated by Lutheran program coordinator Erin Storch (Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton – 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)** – see poster on bulletin board



[In a pastoral letter to the church](#), 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, *Living Water*, 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.

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#556 'Morning Had Broken'

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, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

WORD

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

FIRST READING: First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a.

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day

and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148: 1-14

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord! from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Acts 17:22a, 24-28

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

^{22a} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV#612 ‘Halle, Halle, Hallelujah’ (sung 2 times)

GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

The holy gospel according to John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV#770 ‘I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry’

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

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words **“Your mercy is great.”**

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For those in need we pray that humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names we call out to you (*especially*) **Olga, 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. Hear us, O God, our healer: **Your mercy is great.**

...

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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#799 'When Long Before Time' (vs.1-5)

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: *Let us pray with confidence the 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: The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

Prayer after Communion: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Creator God bless you and keep you. Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy. Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#836 'Joyful Joyful We Adore You'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Flourish with creation. **Thanks be to God!**

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