

Sunday's Worship Service

October 18, 2026 – 10:30am
21st Sunday after Pentecost
& Holy Communion

Sunday School during the Service Coffee in 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.



@ MESSIAH

Thanks to Linda and Colleen for decorating the Messiah sanctuary, Linda for the children's time and thankful messages, and all who contributed to the Thanksgiving service in many ways. **You are all blessings to our congregational family.**



Upcoming Dates to Note!



- **Bible Studies** (in the Peace Chapel and via zoom)
 - **Lectionary Weekly Bible Study** (Wednesday) @ 7pm
 - **Bible Study** (third Tuesday of each month; next October 20) @ 7pm
- **Confirmation sessions following Sunday's Worship Service** (1st and 3rd Sundays each month - next October 18)
- **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):

- **Good Shepherd Villa** (second Tuesday @ 3pm)
- **Mont. St. Joseph** (second Wednesday @ 3:30pm)
- **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, John Howard Society 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 ...

Upcoming Events & Anniversaries

Contact the ministry organization for details or check the Synod Messenger published on the 15th and 30th of each month (contact the Messiah Office).

- **Installation of**
 - **Rev. Victoria Mwamasika**, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Regina (Sunday, October 18, 3pm)
 - **Rev. Brenda Nestegaard Paul**, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Lumsden (Sunday, October 25, 2pm)
- **Lutheran & Anglican Women's Retreat 'Orienting Ourselves Towards God'** (October 31, 9:30am-4:30pm; Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave., Saskatoon; \$30.00 and bring a bag lunch.) For more information or to register contact Bev Otsuka (306) 227-9102 bevotsuka@gmail.com
- **Come to enjoy music and singing!** The LuMinHoS Hymn Sing on Sunday, November 1, 7pm, at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 130 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, supporting our Saskatoon Lutheran Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry. Free will offering. Refreshments and goodies to follow!
- **Luther Tower Tenants' Association Fall Fundraising Bazaar** (November 7; 11am – 2pm; Tower Dining Room, 1223 Temperance Street)



As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada celebrates 40 years in 2026, members and congregations from across the church are invited to come together for a special National Worship Service on Sunday, October 25. Led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the service will be livestreamed from Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, where youth and young adults from across the Saskatchewan Synod will gather for a weekend retreat. **Details will be provided when available. At this time, the service is scheduled for 10am but other information has not been shared yet.**

Missed the September Conversations Across the Church? Watch the Recording



The recording of our September 13 **Conversations Across the Church** event held on September 13 is [available!](#) Our focus was on Season of Creation - a time to come together in prayer and action. Dr. Mary Philip (Joy), Rev. Tim Wray, Eva Wray and Korpo Saily joined us to share caring for creation is a priority for our church. If you missed the conversation, or would like to revisit it, watch the recording by going to the ELCIC.ca website - [Conversations Across the Church - September 13, 2026](#)
The next **Conversations Across the Church** event will take place on Sunday, November 29, 2026. [Visit our website to register.](#)

L.C.B.I Homecoming – Oct 16-18th, 2026



ALUMNI Association

Worship for Sunday, October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

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

Introduction: *In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

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. **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness; I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

⁶ Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

[¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples | with your truth.]

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV#612 ‘Halle, Halle, Hallelujah’

(sing through twice & clap along)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality.

¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#841 'Lift Every Voice and Sing'

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering *especially* **Nyachan, Nynkuer, Lyla, Corrine, 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.**

...

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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#797 'O God beyond All Praise'

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!

Music during Communion: Instrumental

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

 May the Lord of all creation shower blessings and favor upon you. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW#709 'When Our Song Says Peace'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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