

Sunday's Worship Service

October 18, 2026 – 10:30am
Reformation Sunday

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Sunday School during the Service
Coffee in Peace Chapel before the Service

Messiah Office hours:
Tuesday – Friday; 11am – 2pm

The service is broadcast live on the Messiah YouTube page; posted for later viewing.

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For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada 40th Anniversary,
a special service led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer will begin at 10am.
Because of technology concerns, the service will not be livestreamed at Messiah, however
the Messiah service at 10:30am will include Bishop Larry's sermon, litany and prayers.
The National service will be livestreamed, and then posted for later viewing on the ELCIC YouTube channel –
[\(157\) Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada - YouTube](#)

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 Arlene Wagner and her family on the passing of Arlene's sister, Lyla Eisen on October 17th.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18



@ MESSIAH

All Saints Sunday, November 1: If you would like the name of your loved one(s) read at the Sunday service, please email messiah@sasktel.net or phone 306.763.7374. If you would like to bring a remembrance or framed picture, please provide it ahead of time or bring it with you to the November 1 service. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl (306.961.2967)



Remembrance Day Supper

Wednesday, November 11: 4:30 – 6pm

Free Will Offering – all are welcome!

WWII Menu: Bangers (sausage) & Mash (mashed potatoes), Peas, Dessert

Weekly/Monthly Events 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 following Sunday's Worship Service (1st and 3rd Sundays each month) ➤ Coffee & Conversation (1st and 3rd Thursdays each month) @ 10am; 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: organizations such as the YWCA, Relative's Lodge PAGC, Salvation Army, John Howard 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

Lutheran and Anglican youth and their leaders are invited to **attend CLAY 2027 - Safe Harbour!** The gathering will take place August 19-22, 2027 in Nanaimo, BC at Vancouver Island University. CLAY is an opportunity to gather with youth age 14-19 from across Canada for a time of fellowship, worship, learning and fun! Updates will be provided on the website at claygathering.ca and watch our socials for more info (Instagram, Facebook). Deacon Gretchen is hosting coffee chats for leaders on **November 15, 4pm SK time**. Please register for zoom chat [click here](#).



Across the Saskatchewan Synod and beyond ...

Contact the ministry organization for details or check the Synod Messenger published on the 15th and 30th of each month (pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex or request a copy from the Messiah Office).

- **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!
- **Stephen Ministry Invitation: A Conversation on Congregational Care** (Friday, November 6 @ 6pm – Resurrection Lutheran Church, 310 Lenore Drive – a light meal will be provided). RSVP Franseidler29@gmail.com / 306.280.0549 by **October 30**.
- **Luther Tower Tenants' Association Fall Fundraising Bazaar** (November 7; 11am – 2pm; Tower Dining Room, 1223 Temperance Street)
- **Luther Heights Christmas Bazaar** (Saturday, November 14 from 1 – 4pm; 1802 Alexandra Avenue, Saskatoon).

Worship for Sunday, October 25, 2026; Reformation Sunday

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer – ELCIC National Bishop (video)

GATHERING & WELCOME

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

Introduction: *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

2026 marks 40 years in the life of our church. This milestone not only invites us to remember our story, but also to reflect on who we are today and how God is calling us forward as a church Living out God's grace and unconditional love. The National Worship Service falls on Reformation Sunday and will centre on the theme 'One Body,' drawing from Ephesians 4:1-6: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." "Our worship's focus, One Body, reminds us that in a fragmented world and church, we are called to unity in the one body of Christ". "One body rooted in the love of Christ, centred in the cross of Christ and united in service to God's creation. One body rejoicing together, liberated by grace, reaching out to the world in Christ's reconciling love."

GATHERING SONG: ELW#669 'Rise Up, O Saints Of God!'

GREETING LITANY ✙ (All may make the sign of the cross as we begin.) ✙

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the seed of new life growing in us,**

the love of God, **binding us together,**

and the communion of the Holy Spirit **breathing new life, is with us here.**

Living out God's grace and unconditional love, **we are rooted in God's steadfast promises.**

We are grounded in the unchanging gift and promise of God **who creates, redeems and sanctifies,**

and at the same time **we are transformed and freed by love.**

Standing on the common ground of the gospel,

we together confess that the hope of the gospel is enough...

enough to inspire and guide, **enough to make us free to love and serve, for such a time as this.**

We are a part of a living Christian tradition that is always reforming,

not merely enduring change, but helping to shape an alternative narrative...

one rooted in grace, **committed to justice, and inspired by hope for the sake of the world.**

All baptized persons and all communities of the baptized

are called into a life of service in the world...of speaking and living the gospel promise.

Our discipleship **is defined by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.**

The crucified Christ calls us into a life of discipleship **in which we are to be persons for others.**

Our purpose is to be agents of radical transformation

by engaging with one another, by listening to each other and to God,

and by learning and acting **so that God's love and justice may be known.**

We celebrate and rejoice

in the gifts which God has given us to carry out God's mission in the world today.

Journeying forward together, **we discern through prayer, study and conversation what it is to live faithfully**

under the cross at this time and place, seeing the world through the event of the cross.

Journeying forward together, **we are called to be a diverse, inclusive community that celebrates all people and upholds life-giving relationships.**

Journeying forward together, **we seek to offer the world a witness and ministry which is missional, diaconal, and prophetic.**

Journeying forward together, **we are invited to attend to new voices,**
shape a more robust laity, **become more nimble,**
encourage collaborative leadership, **and nurture intentional partnerships.**

Journeying forward together, **we work in collaboration and joint action**
with full communion, ecumenical, and interfaith partners
with humility and attentiveness to the cries of the world.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6).

As One Body through One Spirit together in One Hope, we pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, you feed and shape us through the holy meal, you form within us new hearts, you build up the one body, you anoint us to be agents of justice and reconciliation for the sake of the world. Stir up in us now the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

God is. Love does. **In the footsteps of grace we follow. Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Time

WORD

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

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ **Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL & SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer – ELCIC National Bishop (video)

EPHESIANS 4:1-6: I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#715 ‘Christ, Be Our Light’

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.

A Prayer for the Church *(Adapted for the 40th Anniversary Worship Service, from the prayer written by the youth participants of CLAY 2025)*

God of all, We pray to be a church that lives out Jesus’s radical grace and love, welcoming people from all backgrounds, ages, and status, because it is through the wideness of that community that the church exists today. We pray to be conscious of the needs of the people around us and our own. To be a church where we take what we need and no more. A church that focuses more on keeping the cause alive, not just the building. We pray for a church shaped by love, humility, forgiveness; a church that gives us purpose. *In your abounding mercy, **hear our prayer.***

The church doesn't always recognize or value young people. But we are the past, present, and future of this church. We have talents to offer if there was space for us to share them. By giving youth the chance to invest and sow seeds into the church, we will grow old and reap the benefits of a church we built together on the rock of Christ. *In your abounding mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Gracious God, we long for a church where we show how to truly love the neighbour. We long for an enthusiastic community. And for a church shaped by youth's perspectives. We long for a church that truly shows hospitality, compassion, and acceptance. We know we are called to live out a theology of grace, because we recognize the unconditional love of God. We pray to be a church that focuses even more on raising up the next generation of youth. *In your abounding mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for a church that breaks down barriers. A Church that knows how to welcome new people, even when it means change. A Church for everyone. This is the church we pray for, God. This is the church we hope to be. **Amen.**

*[*From CLAY 2025 Rooted & Rising - This prayer uses the unedited responses of youth participants to the following questions: 1. What is a key message of Jesus that you think the church has forgotten and needs to remember? 2. What is one gift you see in the church that you want to draw the church's attention to?]*

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *We share a sign of Peace.*

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING HYMN: ACS#1056 'God Bless To Us Our Bread'

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION:

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us, **Thanks be to God!**

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us, **Thanks be to God!**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us, **Thanks be to God!**

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

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

SENDING SONG: ELW#504 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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