

Sunday's Worship Service

October 4, 2026 – 10:30am
19th Sunday after Pentecost
& Holy Communion

Sunday School during the Service

Coffee in the Peace Chapel before the Service;

Potluck Lunch following the service
(bring something to share)

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

Thanksgiving Service (October 11 @ 10:30pm)

Contributions of garden produce, plants and flowers are welcome to decorate the Messiah Sanctuary. Items can be brought to the Sunday service on either October 4 or October 11, or to the office (October 6 – 9) Tuesday to Friday from 11am – 2pm. Please bring a memento or story to the Thanksgiving Service that caused you to say: 'Thank you, God'. You will be invited to share your memory during the Service if you wish.

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) @ 7pm
- **Confirmation sessions following Sunday's Worship Service** (1st and 3rd Sundays each month - next October 4)
- **Coffee & Conversation** (1st and 3rd Thursdays each month) @ 10am in the Peace Chapel

Caring Ministry & Community Service

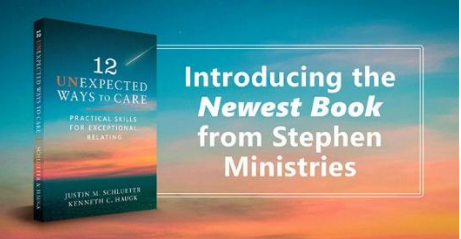
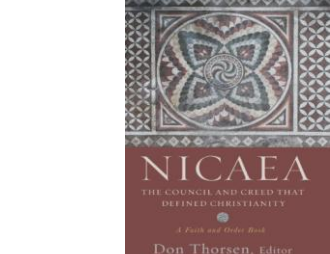
Care Home Services (monthly from September to June):

- **Good Shepherd Villa** (second Tuesday @ 3pm; 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, 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 ...

 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 or go to (https://us02web.zoom.us/join/84451234567)
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.	• 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 – Orienting Ourselves Towards God) • Luther Tower Tenants' Association Fall Fundraising Bazaar (November 7; 11am – 2pm; Tower Dining Room, 1223 Temperance Street)
 Introducing the Newest Book from Stephen Ministries	Written by Dr. Justin Schluter and Dr. Kenneth Haugk, <i>12 Unexpected Ways to Care</i> 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
 LUTHERCARE COMMUNITIES 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.
	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 from across the Saskatchewan Synod will gather for a weekend retreat. Messiah is waiting for details regarding the service time with plans to broadcast the service – arrangements to be shared when available.
	NICAEA - 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, October 4, 2026: 19th 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 gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

GATHERING SONG: ELW#835 'All Creatures, Worship God Most High!'

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. **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message – Blessing of the Animals

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry! The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80: 7-15

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

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

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.

³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³ "Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. 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

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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God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering (*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.**

...

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: ACS#1024 'Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand'

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

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: Sending 538 'The Lord Now Sends Us Forth'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRACE: *Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be. Amen*

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

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