

# *We Welcome You to Worship and Fellowship here at Messiah Lutheran Church*

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 10:30 AM**

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.



## **Welcome To All Visitors** **This Morning**

Please visit our Welcome Centre at the back of the sanctuary for information about our congregation and to sign our guest book.



**Today is  
LunchFEST**  
following 10:30 service.

*Witnessing Committee will be serving lunch*  
Please join us for fun, laughter and fellowship!

## **Today**

9:15 am	- Adult Education	Basement Auditorium
9:45 am	- Friendship Class	A007
10:30 am	- Sunday School	B024
10:30 am	- Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:45 am	- LunchFEST	Fellowship Centre

## **Blessing of the Backpacks, TODAY**



**church this morning!**

Students and teachers will be prayed for as they begin a new school year. (all ages of education, in our public schools, colleges and universities) **We encourage you all to bring your backpack to**



## **Do you have a Favorite Song or Hymn?**



If you do and would like to sing it at service, drop the name into the HYMN box on the Welcome Desk and it will be incorporated into an appropriate service.

# IN OUR WEEKLY PRAYER CYCLE

Each week we hold in special prayer  
some of the people and ministries of Messiah.

**This week we pray for:** Jens Jensen, Peggy Jensen, Ruth Jensen, David & Ioan Jobber, Dennis & Shirley Johnson. We also pray for our Bishops Susan Johnson and Larry Kochendorfer, the Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Julianne Barlow, Pastor Brian Rude and those who provide social services, including Neighbor Aid, Meals on Wheels, Martha's Table, the Open Door, Camrose Women's Shelter, and Habitat for Humanity.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

2:00 pm - World Mission Group  
7:00 pm - Camerata

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 am - Staff Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 am - Matins & Muffins  
**12:00 pm - Announcements Due**  
4:45 pm - Learning Committee  
7:00 pm - ATP Musical Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:30 am - Handbells

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1:30 pm - Kuimba Choir

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:45 am - Men's Bible Study

### Next Sunday's Bible Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FOOD BANK SUNDAY

9:15 am - Adult Education  
9:45 am - Friendship Club  
10:30 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Worship Service  
11:45 am - Coffee Fellowship

*World Mission Group, Monday, Sept 10, 2:00 pm  
at the home of Cece Watts*

### Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday

**The need is always there!!**

Please continue to overflow  
the grocery cart in the Nar-  
thex with gifts for the Food  
Bank.



**All donations are  
greatly appreciated!!**

### What are your Pastors up to... please pray

**Mondays:** Pastor Bev's day off

**Fridays:** Pastor Calvin's day off

**September 11:** Pastor Calvin leads  
prayer at the County Council meeting

**September 12:** Pastor Calvin lead  
services at Seasons and Crown Place

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Sharing Jesus Christ with All People*

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## Church Office Hours

**Monday to Friday**  
**9:00 am - Noon**  
**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

## Junior Youth

**Lawn Games... if weather permits followed by a campfire on Friday, September 21 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Stay tuned for where to meet. All pre-teens welcome!!!**



## Sunday School

**Today:** Children are invited to bring their **backpacks** to church today! The Children's Message will include a "Blessing of the Backpacks" after which time they will proceed downstairs to register for Sunday School and take part in **Sunday School Kick-Off!** Visiting children are welcome!

**Sunday, September 16:** Regular Sunday School classes take place downstairs following the Children's Time at the beginning of the worship service. Visiting children are welcome!

## Sunday Morning Adult Class

**Time:** 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
**Place:** Basement Auditorium

**Today:** Pastor Calvin facilitates the first session using the **NOOMA** (πνευμα) video series in which Christian teacher Rob Bell provides us with plenty to think about, discuss and question in a presentation entitled, **Rain: "Things don't always work out the way we want them to."**

**Sunday, September 16:** The second session in the **NOOMA** series will be facilitated by Pastor Bev. We will view a short video called "Sunday", followed by a time of sharing and discussion.

**Thank you to the many people who are assisting us in our worship service today.**

ROLE	10:30 AM
GREETERS	Joyce Bergh, Marion Midbo
USHERS	Odell & Karen Olson
LECTOR	Carol Roy
WORSHIP SCREENS/AUDIO/VIDEO	Dale Swanson, Jayla Lindberg, Neil & Charlene Brown
PAPER PACK	Linda Darnell, Karen Hansen

# "Ephphatha" - "Be opened"

## Setting Ten

### GATHERING

Prelude & Welcome

The Life of the Community of Faith - Announcements

Hymn 510 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Greeting & Kyrie ..... page 203

Glory to God ..... page 204

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

### WORD

Children's Time *Kelly Moseson*

Blessing of the Backpacks

First Reading - Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

Second Reading - James 2:1-10, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation ..... page 205

Gospel - Mark 7:24-37

Sermon - Pastor Bev Swanson

Hymn 726 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

Apostles' Creed

### PRAYER

Prayers of the People

*Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace

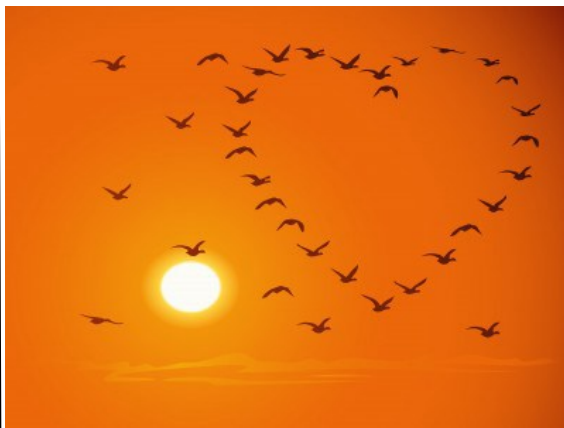
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### SENDING

Blessing

Hymn 722 *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*



Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**