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The Day of Pentecost
(May 23rd, 2021)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

LSB 497

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 139:1-12; antiphon: v. 17

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
 Or where shall I flee from your presence?
⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
 If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
⁹If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
 and the light about me be night,"
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is bright as the day,
 for darkness is as light with you.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen
¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glory
 And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father;
 Your holy name, we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glory,
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.
 2 To You, O sole-begotten,
 The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,
 You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;
 Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated
 At God's right hand on high—

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD:

Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

LSB 498 v. 1-4

1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

Sermon **" Gospel DNA"**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offering Hymn **"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"**

LSB 498 v. 7

Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of

heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

LSB 864 v 1-3

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase
That from sin’s deep disgrace
You so might save our race
And give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest;
You have prepared the feast
Of holy love;
And in our mortal pain
None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

- C** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

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- P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen.

Speeches & Diplomas

(8:00am)

Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with my Blessing"

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Teachers 1 8:00am Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:

**I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.**

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
May 23rd, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Liturgist	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Elders	Boyd Arnold, Ray Seeley	8:00am
	Duane Lofton, Matt Bonnell	10:30am
Organist	Marilyn Smith	
Acolyte	William Diaz, Emma Diaz	8:00am
	Kenny Dimmick, Shyloh Dimmick	10:30am
Ushers	George McGuire, John O'Connor	8:00am
	Matt Meyer, Tom Moore	10:30am
Videographer	Jeremy Skoog	8:00am

Announcements May 23rd, 2021

GOSPEL DNA: We will have Small Groups starting up again in June!!! “Gospel DNA”– Contact the Church office if you would like to participate (either as a group or an individual).

THANK YOU: Mary Deberard would like to thank everyone for all the prayers. She said that she is doing well.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will continue throughout the summer in the multipurpose room.

KIDS TALK: Need someone to help fill in for Kids Talk during the summer. Please contact Crystal Schultz at 970-201-5927.

SPRING IS HERE AND SO IS JUCCO! Opening day, May 29th at 9:00am! The board of Evangelism will be welcoming the fans with coffee and donuts on opening weekend. **We need your help!** Due to COVID-19 protocol, we need your help in individually wrapping 8 dozen donuts, setting up the parking lot (tables), and making coffee at 7:00am, May 29th. Day two is Sunday, May 30th, help will be needed again. We will meet at 8:30am to set up in the parking lot since first game is at 10am on Sunday, to make coffee and set up in the parking lot (tables)—**no interference with parking lot on Sunday-** to give away coffee and donuts, cards with church and school information. Anyone who would like to join is encouraged to show up. Both days will take approximately 2 hours for set up, event and clean up. Thank You! Questions please contact Beth

Weber at weber4342@acsol.net or call 970-361-0794.

GODSPEED LETHA: Ms. Letha Wallace has *accepted* her call to serve as a teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska. We have treasured her time here with us and God has used it to train her well in preparation for His plan for her next. **Her sending service will be May 30th at 8:00am.**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED- The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31st, for Memorial Day.

*****SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER KICK-OFF:** Come join the fun on Sunday, June 13th. There will be fun games outside during Sunday School. After late service there will be a BBQ, Bounce House, etc.***

BIRTHRIGHT OF GRAND JUNCTION: This is Cyndi Haynes, a member at Messiah. I will be serving on the Board at Birthright representing Messiah. Birthright helps women by encouraging them to not have abortions and offering support and assistance. They currently have 3 single moms who will be moving into housing. If you have household items in good condition you are no longer using such as dishes, pots/pans, towels it would be greatly appreciated. Place them in the box in the narthex and I will deliver them. They also need size 4 and 5 diapers and cabinet door locks as well as other safety items. Pray for these women...

THE PREGNANCY CENTER has just announced that they are in the process of selling their current building and purchasing a new one. They anticipate enough room in the new building to bring in medical services such as ultrasound and free testing for sexually transmitted infections. This is a huge undertaking. They are asking for community support whether it be prayer or financial, and they express their sincere thanks for past support.

CHURCH YARD SALE: The 2021 Yard Sale will be July 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Muscle needed to move tables to the Gym on Sunday July 4th after the Potluck. More information to follow next week. You can drop off your stuff for the yard sale on Thursday May 27th during the office hour 8:00am to 3:00pm.

SHARE US WITH YOUR FRIENDS: Cards are available in the Narthex for anyone to use. They have a QR code that is linked to the church website. They are a great way to let people in our community know about our church and school.

CHURCH CAMP!!!! Camp is happening this year! We will be going to Twin Peaks Bible Camp on the Grand Mesa August 6-8. It is a great chance for a las hurrah for the summer-playing, fishing, hiking, singing, and studying God's word. It's a good way to get to know other church members better. There are cabins or you can camp. We make all the meals and eat together. The cost is \$30/person for the whole weekend. You need to sign up on the Camp sheet to reserve your spot. The

sign-up sheet and a map are on the shelf by the west entrance. If you have questions, call Karen Skoog at 970-242-2986 (Please leave a messaged). Hope you can join us!!!

GREETER- GETTING BACK TO NORMAL! AT LEAST TRYING TO.

Want to get to know your Messiah family, sign up to be a greeter. The "NEW" sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help signup sheet. We need greeters for May 2021.

GIFT PLANNING: Your will or trust says that 80% of your assets will go to family and details a 20% gift to your favorite ministry. However, a review of your financial assets today shows that beneficiary designations direct 100% of the value to your spouse (as primary) or 100% to your children (as contingent or secondary). That 20% designation to ministry in your will or trust might in reality only represent 2% of your estate value. Beneficiary designations trump wills or trusts. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you see the true picture. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Acts 2:1 - "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival - a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that the New Testament takes on the meaning of a new harvest - the ripe fields of the nations. This includes bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing

the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

May Income:

Week of May 6-21	\$35,468.19
Weekly need	\$22,917.69
Month to date	\$57,557.19
Monthly need	\$83,451.37



What a heartwarming sight on Saturday to see Resurrection in the City's mission statement—Bringing resurrection . . . in lives, in homes, in community—in action! I know God was smiling and saying, “Well done, good and faithful servants!”

Adriana was blessed in the midst of her sadness at her mother's passing in the last month. The living and dining rooms, kitchen and bathroom were given fresh coats of paint. The backyard breathed with new life as old items were taken to the dumpster on the church parking lot. A special gift was restoration of the flower bed to pristine condition. Her mother's rose bushes have room to grow and thrive.

The church sanctuary was given a well-deserved cleaning after months of open windows and doors. The landscaping was cleaned, and it is ready to share its beauty with RITC, the community and those who walk/drive past the church. A generous donation of office furniture is now at home in the church and pastor's office.

Generous donations provided the hearty breakfast that gave us energy as we set off to the projects. Lunch renewed us and fortified our bodies for the afternoon.

All of you from Messiah were delightful, willing workers with happy hearts and hands! Family and friends of Adriana worked alongside us and throughout the day expressed their gratitude. One said, “All of you are so kind and caring. People aren't like that anymore.”

Thanks again to each of you! You understand what it means to “Love God, Love your neighbor.”

Peace and joy,

Karen Schlechte

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live/ 8 th Grade Graduation
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior High
	6:00pm	Board of Evangelism
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service/Communion
Thursday	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	-----	
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Letha Wallace Godspeed/ Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.