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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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# The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (August 8th, 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** "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB 680 v. 1-2

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise

Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head

Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story

Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally

Thine the promise let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree

All the earth on bended knee

Gone the nailing gone the railing

Gone the pleading gone the cry

Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

#### **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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm Psalm 34:1-8; antiphon: v. 3

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
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

3Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Kyrie P 204

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

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#### Gloria in Excelsis P 204

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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." <sup>5</sup>And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." <sup>6</sup>And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." <sup>8</sup>And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** 

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

<sup>17</sup>This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>But that is not the way you learned Christ!— <sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup>Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and

slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- 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 6:35-51

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

<sup>41</sup>So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Nicene Creed
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C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

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) "God of Grace and God of Glory" Sermon Hymn LSB 850 God of grace and God of glory, 1 On Your people pour Your pow'r;

For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- Save us from weak resignation
   To the evils we deplore;
   Let the gift of Your salvation
   Be our glory evermore.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
   Serving You whom we adore,
   Serving You whom we adore.

Sermon "Turning Fear Into Fear"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

## **† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**

Psalm 34:1-8

Preface P 208

- 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

P 208

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**

P 210

- 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 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us

And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading.

Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love,

Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; LSB 685

Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

LSB 634

- The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
   We celebrate with one accord;
   It is our comfort in distress,
   Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood; For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.
- That this forever true shall be
  He gives a solemn guarantee:
  In this His holy Supper here
  We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

**Nunc Dimittis** P 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

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** P 212

Ρ Let us bless the Lord.

 $\boldsymbol{C}$ Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

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.

 $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

## Closing Hymn "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB 680 v. 3-5

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes

Thine the table we the guest

Thine the mercy all from Thee

Thine the glory yet to be

Then the ringing and the singing

Then the end of all the war

Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize

Thine the wonder full surprise

Thine the banquet then the praise

Then the justice of Thy ways

Thine the glory Thine the story

Then the welcome to the least

Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night

No more dying only light

Thine the river Thine the tree

Then the Lamb eternally

Then the holy holy holy

Celebration jubilee

Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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## August 8, 2021 Proper 14 Psalm 34:1-8



Gospel Servants: Turning Fear Into Fear

A couple of months ago I gave a sermon on FEAR: False Evidence Appearing Real. However, what does the Christian do when the evidence is real?

- What evidence was there that Elijah was facing real evidence?
- > Psalm 34's setting presents real evidence for David. What was going on that caused David to fear for his life?
- ➤ Who is the Angel of the LORD?
- What are the two definitions of 'fear'?
- > The Angel of the LORD encamps around His people.
- What did Jesus do on the cross to turn our 'fear' into 'fear'?

"The fear of the Lord is indeed the foundation of life, the key to joy in life and long and happy days. But it is not a guarantee that life will be always easy, devoid of the difficulties that may seem to mar so much of human existence. The fear of the Lord establishes joy and fulfilment in all of life's experiences. It may mend the broken heart, but it does not prevent the heart from being broken; it may restore the spiritually crushed, but it does not crush the forces that may create oppression. The psalm, if fully grasped, dispels the naiveté of that faith which does not contain within it the strength to stand against the onslaught of evil." (Peter C. Craigie, *Psalms 1-50*, vol. 19 of Word Biblical Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983, 282.)

# The Worship Service Sunday Morning August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	John O'Connor	8:00am
	Billy Diaz, John McDowell	10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Acolyte	Aaliyah Atencio, Adrianna Atencio	8:00am
	Luke Lampitt	
Ushers	Paul Yutzy, John McDonell Jack Messenger, Chris Hayes	8:00am
	Art Peterson, Curtis Peterson Dan Shield, Matt Meyer	10:30am
Greeters	Kathy Hollatz	8:00am
Videographer	Chris Hayes	8:00am

## Announcements August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm. Meeting to discuss possible health insurance for employees.

**VOLUNTEERS** to help with the church and school annual financial review. If you are interested call Wade Schultz at (970) 216-0970.

## **OPENING OF SCHOOL CHAPEL**

SERVICE: ALL church and school families are invited to attend our Opening of School Chapel Service tonight, at 5:00pm. Please bring your school supplies on the first day of school. Join us as we ask God's blessing on our upcoming school year. Also, classrooms with be open at 4:30pm for you to bring in supplies.

## LADIES GUILD EXECUTIVE BOARD

**MEETING:** Will be Thursday, August 12, at 7:00pm in the Church library. All former board members and circle chairman encouraged to attend.

**CRIBBAGE-** Need one more cribbage fix. I know where you can find people to play! We will meet August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Whether you are a beginner or an expert you are welcome to come. We will even teach you to play if you have always wanted to learn. Bring a board if you have one and be ready to play.

YOUTH GROUP will also meet at church again starting August 17th-Jr. Hi. 4:00-5PM (without food)
Sr. Hi. 5:30-7PM (with food!)

### STARTING SEPTEMBER 13TH:

We will be having *special* Small Groups on the book of Galatians!!!

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**

Join us for a "Human Trafficking 101" conference in to help prevent human trafficking right here in Grand Junction. This conference will be September 18th from 9:00AM-Noon.

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

URGENT NEED for August communion clean up. We need a volunteer for August communion clean up. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions, call Laura Ryden (970) 260-6766

**THANK YOU** for the prayers and cards I received during my bout with pneumonia. -Barbara Freeman

PRAYER REQUESTS: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Phil. 4:6. THANK YOU, Marion Anderson for all of these years of dedicated service by organizing Messiah's prayer chain! By God's grace working through you, our prayers have impacted many and changed the world beyond our imagination. Moving forward, prayer requests (for yourself, family with permission, or by a pastor) may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net.

PRESCHOOL NEED: We need \$1,850 to make the Preschool snack program successful for the 2021 - 2022 school year. We would love monetary donations of any amount. You can also make a monthly commitment. We must have the donations or commitments by August 1<sup>st</sup>, today in order to know how to plan for our year. Thank you!

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR - We are now taking applications for this coming school year, preschool through eighth grade. Member's and non-member's children are welcome here at Messiah and we have an excellent Christian academic program. School begins on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office for more information at 245-2838.

YOUTH-FOR-HIRE: The youth are available to help with cleaning, odd jobs, and more!!! Please, let Pastor Schmidt or the office know if you have any requests as they raise funds for our trip to Houston next summer!!!

METAL DONATIONS!!! MESSIAH is accepting brass (bullet shells), copper (wiring), and aluminum (can) donations downstairs by the Fellowship Hall!!! The funds from these donations will go to support the Sr. High youth group and the National Youth Gathering (in Houston—2022). Thank you to the generous member taking these donations to be recycled over in Arvada.

**NEEDED: GOLFERS:** We are looking into hosting a golf-outing to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering next summer (our High Schoolers are going

to Houston!!!). Are you a golfer? We could sure use your help!!!

SUNDAY SUPPERS: Every Sunday, Four Winds provides dinner to CMU students. These dinners are generously provided by local churches and nonprofit organizations. Do you want to coordinate a Four Winds dinner??? Let Pastor Schmidt or the office know!!!

BATTLE READY PROGRAM: Pastor Redeker is leading the charge in our new Confirmation--Faith Formation Program--BUT, for it to be a success, it can't just be "Pastor Redeker's Thing." It needs to be Messiah's. So, we need your help!!! Could you help coordinate attendance, events, trips, and or mentorship for our program?? Let us know!!!

CANVASSING: We would *love* to get our local community more involved with church functions. And, we have plenty of things going on!!! We just need *you* to spread the word. Help make flyers, knock on doors, and just say "hi!" Is this something you can help with? Let the office know!!

PRO-LIFE UPDATE -Both the Pregnancy Center and Birthright are always in need of disposable diapers and safety items such as thermometers and electrical outlet covers, etc. Lotions, shampoos, and baby washes are also always needed along with diaper rash creams and ointments. Additionally, Birthright has a current need for a used highchair and a used baby walker. Any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. THE PREGNANCY CENTER -Current needs are new and used

bottles, new baby sleep sacks, size 5 diapers, and 12-month-old sleepers.

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.

GREETER- 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 August, September & October 2021.

GIFT PLANNING: What is the biggest need for your family, to be financially secure or to know Jesus? As we consider allocating gifts from our estates to family members for their inheritance, is it possible to be considering eternity instead of just zeros after dollar signs? God has a plan for His gifts for you to discover. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason. Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Ephesians 4:28 - "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That's how so many of God's blessings go. He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

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 <a href="https://www.thrivent.com">www.thrivent.com</a> 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.

### July Income:

Week of July 29-31 \$23,840.24 Weekly need \$22,917.69 Month to date \$88,567.17

**ELDERS:** Our elders are here for you. This is a list of them and who is your elders.

Duane Lofton: Aden-Brunner Peter Chaney: Buchman-Franke John McDowell: Freeborn-Jones Billy Diaz: Jordan-Messenger John O'Connor: Milkowski-Ratliff Ray Seely: Reamer-Smith

Matthew Bonnell: Soma-Williams

Boyd Arnold: Williams-Z

## Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am 5:00pm	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live Divine Service/Communion Opening of School Chapel Service
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am 5:30pm 5:30pm	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall Senior High Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
Wednesday	8:00am 11:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm	First Day of School  WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE  Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom  Gospel DNA Small Group at the Andersons in Fruita  Wednesday night service/Communion
Thursday	10:00am 6:30pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church/Online Gospel DNA Small Group Online with Pastor Redeker
Friday		Pastor Redeker's Day Off Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	11:30am	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live Divine Service/Communion

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