



*Preaching and teaching the truth to His expanding kingdom, reaching out to all!*

*Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
(August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 THREE †

### Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn      "Christ Be My Leader"      LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

### 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
 C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### Teacher Commission

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

### Psalm

*Psalm 34:11-22*

- <sup>12</sup>What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- <sup>13</sup>**Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.**
- <sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.
- <sup>15</sup>**The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.**
- <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup>**When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.**
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- <sup>19</sup>**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**
- <sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.
- <sup>21</sup>**Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**
- <sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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**

<sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**Kyrie**

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**P Glory be to God on high:**

**C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon  
us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P Let us pray.**

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants,  
and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to walk so that our lives may be  
pleasing before You; 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**

*Proverbs 9:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call

from the highest places in the town,  
4“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”  
To him who lacks sense she says,  
5“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
6Leave your simple ways, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”  
7Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.  
8Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.  
9Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.  
10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:6-21*

6Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7Therefore do not associate with them; 8for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

15Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, 20giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel***John 6:51-69*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] “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.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message

**Sermon Hymn**      "We Are Called to Stand Together"

LSB 828

- 1 We are called to stand together  
With the saints of ages past,  
With the patriarchs and prophets  
In the faith they once held fast;  
Promises and hopes they treasured  
Now we find fulfilled at last!
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles  
Journeyed with Him side by side,  
Heard His teaching, felt His power,  
Saw the way He lived and died;  
Then the news of resurrection  
They delivered far and wide.
- 3 Through the intervening ages  
Round the world the Gospel spread:  
Faithful heralds took the message,  
Guided where the Spirit led;  
So the body grew in stature,  
Serving Christ, the living head.

- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures  
Songs of celebration ring;  
Millions who confess our Savior  
Honor Him as Lord and King  
And, for courage, grace and guidance  
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.
- 5 To each coming generation  
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,  
Till the time when time is ended,  
Till the Savior comes again—  
Till the saints are all united  
Under Christ's eternal reign!

Sermon

**Gospel Discipleship: *Teach Truth***

Ephesians 5:6-21

Offertory

***Preaching and Teaching the Truth***

*Written for Lutheran Church and School of Messiah, Grand Junction CO In Celebration  
of their Mission Statement and "His Values for Us"*

Text and Music: Neal Kaspar (b. 1946)

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Sung by Cantor:

1. Preaching and teaching the truth, to his expanding kingdom.  
Preaching and teaching the truth, reaching out to all.  
We are baptized by water and the Word  
The truth is taking root wherever it is heard.
2. Calling disciples to come, And follow as He taught them.  
Calling disciples to come, And to tell the world.  
Jesus took our shame, Remove our sin and stain;  
Forgiven and set free from the accuser's blame.

**Sanctification**

6. Walking in newness of life, We learn and grow in wisdom.  
Walking in newness of life, Truth He freely supplies.  
Prophets testified, Disciples followed Christ.  
The Spirit gives His gifts, we serve our neighbor's lives.

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

# † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

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**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** P 197

**Pax Domini** P 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

**Agnus Dei** P 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” LSB

1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”

You taught us, Lord, to pray;

But You alone can grant us grace

To live the words we say.

2 How can Your pardon reach and bless

The unforgiving heart

That broods on wrongs and will not let

Old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light Your cross reveals

The truth we dimly knew:

What trivial debts are owed to us,

How great our debt to You!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls

And bid resentment cease;

Then, bound to all in bonds of love,

Our lives will spread Your peace.

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644

1 The Church’s one foundation

Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is His new creation

By water and the Word.

From heav’n He came and sought her

To be His holy bride;

With His own blood He bought her,

And for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

**Nunc Dimittis**

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- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

### Thanksgiving

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

### Closing Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
<b>Elders</b>	Ray Seeley, John O'Connor	8:00am
	Matt Bonnell, John McDowell	10:30am
<b>Organist</b>	Marilyn Smith	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aaliyah Atencio, Adrianna Atencio	8:00am
	Luke Lampitt	
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Yutzy, John McDonell	8:00am
	Jack Messenger, Chris Hayel	
	Art Peterson, Curtis Peterson	10:30am
	Dan Shield, Matt Meyer	
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Mead	8:00am
	Beth Weber	
<b>Videographer</b>	Jeremy Skoog	8:00am

## Announcements August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**DEADLINE for the September Newsletter is Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, by 8:00am.** You may drop items off in the office or email [glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org](mailto:glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org)

**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.

**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!)

**UNITY SUNDAY-** will be September 5<sup>th</sup>. Bible Class will be at 9:00am, Church at 10:00am followed by a potluck. Bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship.

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>:**  
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.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need a volunteer for a couple of spots to fill for October - December communion set up and clean up. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions, call Laura Ryden (970) 260-6766

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE POSITION-**  
The annual election of congregational chairmen and board members, will be held at the November congregational meeting. Also, if you are interested in serving on Church council the following positions will be available: 6 Elders, 1 Evangelism, 2 Parochial Ed., 2 Christian Ed., 1 Stewardship, & 1 Board of Finance. Contact the office at 970-245-2838 if you are interested in serving.

**THANK YOU** for the prayers for George Freeman who is Barbara Freemans's son. He is feeling better and recovering from Covid.

**HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Victor & Joan Lozano anniversary is August 14<sup>th</sup>. They are so thankful that God placed them at Messiah.

**MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS:**  
Victor Lozano is a volunteer at meals on wheels. He said that they are looking for drivers to deliver food. If you are interested, you can contact Adrienne Carlo at 970-243-9844 or Victor at 970-433-7890.

**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@accsol.net](mailto:weber4342@accsol.net).

**PRESCHOOL NEED:** We still need \$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. 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:** We often think about our "Last Will and Testament" simply as directing dollars. But in effect, it is your last word about anything that is on your heart. Most people don't use it for that, but you can. You can include a "Christian Preamble" by which you testify to your faith. If your will is already complete, you can write a "family blessing" and put it with your will. 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 5:6-7 - "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them." The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away

from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, "I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word." We are the Lord's servants, therefore we cling to His Word.

**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](http://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.

**August Income:**

Week of August 1-12 <sup>th</sup>	\$29,622.09
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$29,622.09
Monthly need	\$83,090.08

**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	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School staff Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior High
Wednesday	8:00am	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	8:00am	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service/Communion
Thursday	-----	
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
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