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*Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(August 22<sup>nd</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 FOUR †

### Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

LSB

- 1 God has spoken by His prophets,  
Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal;  
God the first, and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,  
God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
He reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by His Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging;  
God the first, and God the last.

### 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 14; antiphon: v. 7a*

- <sup>1</sup>The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,  
there is none who does good.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God.**  
<sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good,  
not even one.  
<sup>4</sup>**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?**  
<sup>5</sup>There they are in great terror,  
for God is with the generation of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup>**You would shame the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is his refuge.**

<sup>7</sup>Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

**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>7</sup>Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

**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.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and 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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 29:11-19*

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
while their hearts are far from me,  
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,  
<sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again  
do wonderful things with this people,  
with wonder upon wonder;  
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

<sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,  
whose deeds are in the dark,  
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

<sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down!

Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,  
that the thing made should say of its maker,  
"He did not make me";  
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,  
"He has no understanding"?

<sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while  
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.

<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:21-33*

<sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

*Mark 7:1-13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes

asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

<sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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

Sermon Hymn "The Law of God is Good and Wise"

LSB 579

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise  
And sets His will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness,  
And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts  
The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate  
And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found  
And would in works of love abound  
It shows what deeds are His delight  
And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain  
God's Law shall then in sin remain;  
Its terror in their ear resounds  
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 22, 2021**  
**Psalm 14:1**



*Are You An Atheist?*

When you hear the word ‘fool’, what comes to mind?

- What is the definition of ‘fool’ in Psalm 14?
- Many think God is irrelevant. How do they demonstrate this?
- What happens when people live as fools?
- Why does God act so irrelevantly according to the world?
- In what ways do you behave like an atheist?
- By God’s grace you are not a fool. What is there in your life that is ‘foolish’ that you can ask God forgiveness for, and ask for His help to overcome it?

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

# † 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

P 208

**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

P 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 "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

LSB 865

1 Lord, help us ever to retain  
The Catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the Word of truth  
In simple style to tender youth.

2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,  
To mourn our sin and from it turn  
In faith to You and to Your Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray  
For needed help from day to day  
That as Your children we may live,  
Whom You baptized and so received.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,  
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
 For weak and weary is my soul;  
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
 To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
 That sinners may salvation see  
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
 Because I have a sinful heart,  
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
 Receive me graciously and gladden  
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
 It is faith's bond and solid base;  
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
 The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

**Nunc Dimittis**

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- 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.

## Closing Hymn "On What Has Now Been Sown"

LSB 912

1 On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,  
From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,  
Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Michael Redeker	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
<b>Elders</b>	John O’Conner, Peter Chaney	8:00am
	Matt Bonnell, John McDowell	10:30am
<b>Organist</b>	Marilyn Smith	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aaliyah Atencio, Adrianna Atencio	8:00am
	Jonas Ashcraft, Aaron Schultz	10:30am
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Yutzy, John McDonell	8:00am
	Jack Messenger, Chris Hayes	
	Art Peterson, Curtis Peterson	10:30am
	Dan Shield, Matt Meyer	
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Mead	8:00am
	Carol Peterson	10:30am
<b>Videographer</b>	Jeremy Skoog	8:00am

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## Announcements August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** will be today 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 IS BACK**

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. There will a youth trip at noon for Jr. High and Senior High families.

**Rise UP!** On Saturday, September 11, as we remember a significant date and time in U.S. history, Praise Him Ministries is bringing together some of the most popular Christian bands for a night of praise and worship at the beautiful Las Colonias Park Amphitheater in Grand Junction, CO. Joining us will be Chris Tomlin, Danny Gokey, Jordan Feliz and former U.S. Navy Seal Chad Williams, author of the book SEAL OF GOD, who will share a special message. Bring the whole family and celebrate this special night with us. Go to [PHMTICKETS.COM](http://PHMTICKETS.COM) for ticket options.

### **THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>:**

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

**MEAT THE FRESHMEN** is coming up!!! Every year, the campus ministries of

CMU organize a steak grill out to “Meat the Freshmen.” This year, on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-7:00PM, Messiah is invited to participate! Please, RSVP with Pastor Schmidt by Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **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. If you are interested in serving on Church Council we need Elders, Evangelism, Parochial Ed. (School Board), Christian Ed. (Sunday School Board), Stewardship, & Board of Finance. Contact the office at 970-245-2838 if you are interested in serving.

### **COMPLETION OF ACCREDITATION-**

Greetings in Christ from the LCMS School Ministry office in St. Louis. We are pleased that your school was recently accredited at our annual NLSA National Accreditation Commission Meeting. Enclosed is and NLSA Accreditation Banner for you to display in your school. Blessings on the school

year, and prayers for all faculty, staff, students, and parents!

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

**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@acsol.net](mailto:weber4342@acsol.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 COMMITTEE:** 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.

**Operation Christmas Child** Back-to-School is a good time to be shopping for gifts to put into your shoeboxes! You can go to [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org), under **What We Do**, click on **Operation Christmas Child** to find good suggestions for all ages. What NOT to pack: candy, gum, used items, war related toys, food, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, toothpaste, breakable items, aerosol cans. Shipping cost is still \$9 per box. Boxes will be available soon.

**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:** Have you created a "family blessing"? Have you added words to your will or trust that testify to our life in Jesus Christ, appealing to generations beyond, to believe in Jesus for the gift that is really life? Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started on writing those words, so that you might share them with family now, and making sure they are shared when the Lord calls you home. This is your best legacy to construct. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** Mark 7:11 - "But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban" ' (that is, given to God)." Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our

churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

**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 13-19	\$29,622.09
Weekly need	\$20,992.52
Month to date	\$50,614.61
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
	5:30pm	Board of Parochial Ed. Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	4:00pm	Jr. High Youth Group
	5:30pm	Senior High
Wednesday	8:00am	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service/Communion
Thursday	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	5:00pm	Single Parents BBQ
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion