



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

*Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(August 29th, 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 ONE †

### Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

LSB 342

- 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied  
Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,  
Led by a little child!
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,  
A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:  
The fruit of God's design.
- 3 As banner of God's love unfurled,  
Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world  
Would rally to the cross.
- 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,  
Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—  
Come, open heaven's door.

### 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 119:129-136; antiphon: v. 132*

PE

<sup>129</sup>Your testimonies are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.

<sup>130</sup>**The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant,  
because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your way with those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Keep steady my steps according to your promise,  
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Redeem me from man's oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.**

<sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law.**

**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>132</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your way with those who love your name.

## Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

<sup>1</sup>“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'  
<sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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            “Earth and All Stars”

LSB 817

- 1 Earth and all stars!  
    Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
    Oh, victory!  
    Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- ref He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!
- 2 Hail, wind, and rain!  
    Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
    Flowers and trees!  
    Loud rustling dry leaves!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 3 Trumpet and pipes!  
    Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
    Harp, lute, and lyre!  
    Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 4 Engines and steel!  
    Loud pounding hammers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
    Limestone and beams!  
    Loud building workers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 5 Classrooms and labs!  
    Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
    Athlete and band!  
    Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 6 Knowledge and truth!  
    Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
    Daughter and son!  
    Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

- 7 Children of God,  
Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth,  
Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Sermon

*Unleash Excellence*

Mark 7:14-23

Offertory

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- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

## † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

P 160

- 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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 163

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

Agnus Dei

P 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "The Lamb"

LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain
- 4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain
- 5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

- 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

## Thank the Lord

P 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## 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.

## Benediction

P 166

- 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 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

LSB 721

- ref Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
- 1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain
- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain
- 3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,  
I am blind without Thy light to see.  
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rev. Michael Redeker	
<b>Elders</b>	Ray Seeley, John O’Conner	8:00am
	Matt Bonnell, Billy Diaz	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

**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.

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

**USHERS:** Ushers needed at 10:30 Service for September. If you are available and wish to help out, please contact Matt Meyer at 402-750-9705.

**YOUTH GROUP IS BACK:** Taco Tuesday THIS Tuesday Grades 5-12 from 5-6pm.

**UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF**—Starting Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM, Mr. Scott Mauser will be hosting a class on apologetics, discussing how to share what we believe in truth, love, gentleness, and respect. These classes will be over at the Alpha and Omega Institute. Hope you can make it!

**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!!!

**FAMILY NIGHT:** Join us for Family Night September 17th!!! We will be having popcorn (provided) and other concessions (sold by our Sr. Youth) and the movie “Lilo & Stitch” under the stars. The festivities start at 7:00pm and ALL are invited!!!! Bring a lawn chair and spend some quality time with your Messiah family!!!

**FALL BANQUET**—You are invited to Mesa County Right to Life’s Fall Banquet! Come, support a pro-life cause and hear from our very own Mr. Scott Mauser as he discussed the “World turned Upside Down: Rome, creation and the image of God.” The event will be Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM over at Clifton Christian Church. Tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table (tickets are available at our office).

**I DON’T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST:** Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Campus Ministry group, *Ratio Christi*, will be hosting Frank Turek as he discusses the concepts from his book such as: Does truth exist? Does God exist? Are miracles possible? Is the Bible reliable? We often use his book in our Worldviews and apologetics training. This event is FREE and open to the community! We will meet at the Meyer Ballroom from 7:00-9:00PM.

## **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!

## **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!!

**THE PREGNANCY CENTER** - The Pregnancy Center is having an OPEN

HOUSE on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, from 10 am to 1 pm. They are anxious to share with you their new location at 2478 Patterson Road, Suites 1 and 2. This is the perfect opportunity to get a tour of their new location and meet the wonderful people who work and volunteer there. They are very thankful to the whole community for the prayers and financial partnership that has made this happen.

**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:** You will not take a joystick with you to the grave. You won't be able to control your estate assets once the Lord calls you home. "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1) But you do have a chance right now to put a plan into place about the proper use of God's gifts found in your estate. You can focus that use on things that will connect people with Jesus. 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:**

Deuteronomy 4:6 - "Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'" There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world

tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us; so, all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

**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 20-27	\$13,680.99
Weekly need	\$20,992.52
Month to date	\$64,295.60
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
	5:00pm	Taco Tuesday for grades 5-12
Wednesday	8:00am	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service
Thursday	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	-----	
Sunday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	11:30am	Church Potluck
	12:00pm	Youth trip for Jr. High and Senior High families