



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

*Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us 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

Sharing of God's Peace

Opening Hymn "Father Welcomes" LSB 605

ref Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. Refrain
- 2 In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

**Psalm**

*Psalm 128; antiphon: v. 1*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!

<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;

your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion!  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!

<sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children!  
Peace be upon Israel!

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>1</sup>Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!

## Kyrie

P 186

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

P 187

- 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.  
Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end.  
Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things  
that are pleasing in Your sight; 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

*Genesis 2:18-25*

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 2:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

<sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup>And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:2-16*

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

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

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

<sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**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 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 594 v. 1-3

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!

Sermon "Faith: *Like a Child*"

Mark 10:13-16

Offertory

P 192

- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Offering**

**“Way Maker” & “Love Round”**

**Angel and Lions Choir**

**Prayer of the Church**

## **† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †**

**Preface**

**P 194**

**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**

**P 195**

**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**

**P 196**

**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 "Jesus Loves Me" LSB 588

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. Refrain

"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

“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629

1 What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

3 So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—

Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

- 5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

### Nunc Dimittis

P 199

- 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

P 200

- 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

P 202

- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

P 202

- 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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rev. Michael Redeker	
<b>Elders</b>	Boyd Arnold, John O'Connor	10:00am
<b>Organist</b>	Richard Scott	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Will Vrbas & Elijah Vrbas	10:00am
<b>Ushers</b>	Darrell Clark, Dean Hollatz John O'Connor, John Sigle	10:00am
<b>Greeters</b>	Beth Weber	10:00am
<b>Videographer</b>	Chris Hayes	10:00am

## **Announcements**

### **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

**LIFE CHAIN-** Please join us for the Life Chain today at 2:00pm here at Messiah Lutheran Church. The Life Chain is an annual event where people across the country stand in silent prayer and draw attention to the sanctity of life.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS-** We are glad to have so many people interested in our church!!! The next new member class will be on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. These classes will be 9am-noon in the Fellowship Hall (feel free to bring your breakfast!). Come and refresh your memory on our beliefs; invite a friend and help go through the curriculum with them; or just come to see what the Lutheran Church is all about. There is no obligation for membership upon concluding the class, it is simply up to you.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION** - Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month and Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, is Pastor Appreciation Sunday? We have been blessed to have two wonderful servants serving us here at Messiah. Our pastors give so much of themselves to us every day. Their door is always open to us during our good and bad times. Please take the time to let these servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ know how much you appreciate them.

**SCHOOL NEWS** - Our Messiah students will be singing at our Unity Sunday Services throughout the year. Lunch Bunch is Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall and Gym. Check out the school's Facebook page for pictures of the happenings at Messiah.

**SCHOOL SPORTS** - Our Co-Ed Volleyball Team has an away game in Montrose at Colorado West Christian School on Friday. They will be back for a home game on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. vs Landmark.

**Third Sunday-**Starting Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a new Sunday afternoon worship service in the gym!!! Bring a friend and come have lunch with us at Noon in the Fellowship Hall, where you can ask any questions about Religion, Christianity, and/or Lutheranism. Then we'll head to the gym to sing praises to God from 1-2pm. After the worship service we will hold a Lay-Led Bible Class based on the same text for the day. We will be holding this type of worship service every *third* Sunday of the month!!

**OKTOBERFEST-** Coming up October 31, from 12pm to 4pm. Germany food, Candy, & Fun.

**CANDY, CANDY, AND MORE CANDY!** Lots of candy is needed to help us celebrate our FIRST Oktoberfest this year! Candy donations may be dropped off to our office any time up to October 28th.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-** it's time to fill a box with surprises for less fortunate children around the world. Last year Messiah families shipped 57 boxes! We were told that fewer boxes come in for BOYS or GIRLS for age 10-14 than the younger children. Of course, all boxes are welcome. To learn more, go to: [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

You can choose to track your box which requires a different label or use the regular label/envelope inside your box. POSTAGE IS STILL \$9.00 per box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse. All boxes, regardless of which label you use, need to be turned in to Messiah's office by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th. Wherever your box "lands" that child exists today. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD NOW. 🙏

**GOOD NEWS-** Virginia Saunders is hosting a Bible Study on the Good News Magazine. It will be every Friday at 9:30am at her house. Anyone is welcome to join. Her address is 1203-B Club Court, Grand Junction CO., 81506. She can be contacted at 970-270-8288.

**PASTORS AND TEACHERS CONFERENCE** is October 20-22. We are in need of donations to make sure our staff can attend. The conference provides professional growth, networking with fellow educators and pastors, and encouragement in our calling to serve Jesus. Total cost including hotel is \$2,690.

**USHERS-**There will be a sign-up sheet for 10:30 Service Ushers posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you are able and wish to help, please contact me, Matt Meyer, at 402-750-9705. You can also chat with me before or after 10:30 Service and I would enjoy meeting you if we haven't been introduced! Thank you and God bless.

**THANK YOU-** to the LWML for the 16 new folding chairs in the Fellowship Hall.

**GREETERS-** Thank you to all of you who have signed up to be greeters and to all future greeters. There are still Sundays available. Help be a welcoming smile to all members and visitors to Messiah. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet. We need greeters for October.

**UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF**— Every Tuesday, at 6:00PM, Mr. Scott Mauser is hosting a class on apologetics, discussing how to share what we believe in truth, love, gentleness, and respect. These classes are over at the Alpha and Omega Institute 1011 N 10th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Hope you can make it!

**GALATIANS SMALL GROUPS-** Join a Small Group on Galatians. This is a 6-week series. Here are the Galatians Small Group Times and places: Mondays at 5:30pm in the Multipurpose Room, Thursdays at 6:30am at the Sunrise Café, Thursdays at 11:00am in the library, & Thursdays at 6:30pm, online only.

**BREAKFAST BURRITOS-** 9-12 graders! Come help us make burritos on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. This is one of our *biggest* fundraisers for the National Youth Gathering and other Youth Group Events.

**TWO CHANCES TO SERVE CMU-** We have two spots remaining November 28th, and December 5th, to serve college students dinner over at Four Winds. Let Pastor Schmidt know if you would be willing to take on and organize the task!!! We serve buffet style with 4-5 volunteers serving food. This allows for more interactions with the students. Some volunteers choose to wear masks, and that is great. We are falling in line with whatever CMU is doing, and they are not requiring masks at the moment. Students are sitting inside and outside. We will also need to provide the food.

**QUILTS FOR SALE-** The Quilting ladies have 3 quilts on display in the fellowship hall that are for sale.

**JOIN THE QUILTING LADIES-** We welcome anyone who is interested in joining our quilting group. We are not only making quilts, we are also having fun, making friends and learning from each other. No sewing experience is needed. We meet every Tuesday at 9:00am to sew and assemble quilts. Please come and join us!

**URGENTLY NEEDED COMMUNION HELP-** We still need volunteers in December for set up and volunteers on the 2nd & 4th weeks Wednesdays to clean up. Please contact Laura Ryden with any questions. (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 members. Contact the office at 970-245-2838 if you are interested in serving.

**PRAYER REQUESTS-** *"But when you pray, go to into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you," (Matt. 6:6).* Prayer requests for your, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at [weber4342@acsol.net](mailto:weber4342@acsol.net).

**GIFT PLANNING-** A builder needs the right tool to perform his work. God's people need the right tools to make the right gifts, the right way, from their estates to family and ministry. God's people support ministry throughout their lives. They enjoy using God's gifts for the right reasons. What if that same giving could keep on happening, even after being called home to heaven? A personal endowment fund could extend that giving for a term of years, or even until the Lord comes back. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can lead you through a process to plan what you want to do, and how to do it. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS-** Mark 10:6 - "But from the beginning of creation ..." In recent years, our country - along with most all the (formerly) Christian nations of Europe - has lost its way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off the tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life.

**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. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at 9:00am. If you would like to be a sponsor for our radio ministry, contact the church office, 970-245-2838.

**September Income-**

Week of Sept. 23-30	\$7,952.06
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$60,427.30
Monthly need	\$83,090.08

## Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:00am	UNITY SUNDAY/Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	11:30am	Church Potluck
	2:00pm	Life Chain
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Parochial Ed
	5:30pm	Galatians Small Group in Multipurpose Room
Tuesday	-----	School Pictures Preschool-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:00pm	Taco Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	-----	School Pictures- Preschool
	8:00am	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service
Thursday	6:30am	Galatians Small Group at Sunrise Café
	11:00am	Galatians Small Group in Library
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Small Group
Friday	9:30am	Good News Magazine Bible Study at Virginia Saunders
	11:15am	Early Release for the school.
	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	9:00am	New Membership Class
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live/
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion

