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The Sixteen Sunday after Pentecost
(September 12th, 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 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" LSB 533

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
 Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
 Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
 O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
 Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
 Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
 Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

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 116:1-9; antiphon: v. 5

- ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- ²**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴**Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**
- ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶**The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**
- ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- 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**
- ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

Kyrie

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

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.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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 50:4-10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.
¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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 9:14-29

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

Sermon

“*The Hunter & The Hunted*”

Psalm 116:1-9

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

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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

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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 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.
- 4 God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

LSB

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.

I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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 “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”

LSB 533

3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.

See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death’s fortress,
Brings forth the pris’ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!

Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow’r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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**The 16th Sunday After Pentecost
September 12, 2021**



***Psalm 116:1-9
The Hunter & The Hunted***

Psalm 116 is a psalm of thanksgiving. The Psalmist had come through an unknown situation where his life was threatened. He felt as if he had been hunted down.

- Do you ever feel like you're the target of a hunt?

- He cried out to the LORD in faith. What do you do in times when you feel as if you're being hunted?

- It's easy for the Christian to be weakened in his faith life as he struggles through the daily hunt. What is the relationship between the Christian and faith?

Who do you know who is caught up in the hunt and is looking for relief?

Are you volunteering somewhere (serving the world) where someone there could use encouragement through Jesus who is The Hunter?

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
September 12th, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	Boyd Arnold, John McDowell	8:00am
	Matt Bonnell	10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Acolyte	Jimmy Hayes, Luke Lampitt	8:00am
	Adrianna Atencio, Aaliyah Atencio	10:30am
Ushers	Victor Lozano, Ron Sawyer	8:00am
	Doug Haynes, John Bruner	
	Jeremy Skoog, John Feliciano	10:30am
	Eric Skoog, Matt Meyer	
Greeters	Karen Mead	8:00am
Videographer	Chris Hayes	8:00am

Announcements September 12th, 2021

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: 4-5 Jr. High Youth group and 5:30-6:30pm Sr. High.

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

THANK YOU—With your help, our campus ministry supported “Meat the Freshmen” that introduced around 600 freshmen to the various (over 10) Christian resources and opportunities on campus (while grilling them steak)! This event had a surplus of \$3,400 donated which will be used for the Christ Center’s CMU scholarship fund!!!

GREETER- Thank you to all of you who have signed up to be greeters and to all future greeters. There is 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 signup sheet. We need greeters for September & October 2021.

UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF—Starting Tuesday, September 7th 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!

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13TH:

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

School News - Friday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m. is our first Lunch Bunch.

You have the option to purchase a Chick-fil-A sack lunch for \$7.00. Pay in the office no later than 3:15 on Wednesday, Sept. 15. On Friday, Sept. 17th, we are showing the animated movie “Lilo & Stitch” on the east wall at dusk. Everyone is invited so bring a lawn chair and enjoy. The youth will be selling drinks and treats. Wed. Sept. 22 at 7:15 a.m. we will be standing around the flagpole to pray for our school, nation, friends, and family. All are invited to come and join in.

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 17th at 6:00PM over at Clifton Christian Church. Tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table (tickets are available at our office).

THE MESSIAH MESSENGER - Deadline for October newsletter is **Saturday, September 18th** at 8:00am. Please have your news articles into the church office or emailed to glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org by September 18th.

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We are glad to have so many people interested in our church!!! The next new member class (a nine-hour class) will be on Saturday, September 25th, Saturday, October 2nd, and Saturday, October 9th, these classes will be 9am-noon (feel free to bring your breakfast!). Come, refresh your memory on our beliefs; invite a friend and wade 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.

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST: Wednesday, September 22nd, 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO: FALL RALLY OF L.W.M.L. OF WESTERN ZONE "Lord, don't you care...." Psalms 144: vs 2-4 October 2nd, Saturday 2021 At: Lutheran Church and School of Messiah 840 N. 11th Street Grand Junction, Co Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast Snacks 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Bible Study & Business Meeting In gathering: The Pregnancy Center & Birthright Needs: Disposable diapers, safety items such as electrical outlet covers, etc. Lotions, shampoos, baby washes diaper rash ointments, creams, new & used bottles, new baby sleep sacks, and sleepers. And monetary gifts.

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.

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 yourself, family with permission, or by

a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net.

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.

GIFT PLANNING: A builder needs the right tools to perform their work. God's people need the right tools to make the right gifts, the right way, from their estates to family and ministry. For many, a simple bequest from a will/trust or beneficiary designation on an account can get the job done. But even then, God's donors must choose which assets to use for bequests,

especially being smart, from a tax perspective. 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: Mark 9:24 - "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!' " Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith - as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

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 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.

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 Finance
	5:30pm	Board of Parochial Ed
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Board of Christian Ed
	4:00pm	Jr. High Youth Group
	5:30pm	Sr. High Youth Group
	7:00pm	Board of Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service
Thursday	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class
Friday	11:30am	Prayer Partner/Lunch Bunch/Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Right to Life Fall Banquet
	7:00pm	Movie Night "Lio & Stitch"
	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	8:00am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	9:00am	Human Trafficking awareness
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion