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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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# The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (October 17<sup>th</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 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912

Christ is our cornerstone,

On Him alone we build;

With His true saints alone

The courts of heav'n are filled.

On His great love

Our hopes we place

Of present grace

And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore Until that day When all the blest To endless rest

Are called away.

**STAND** 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise

These hallowed courts shall ring;

Our voices we will raise

The Three in One to sing

And thus proclaim

In joyful song,

Both loud and long,

That glorious name.

#### 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 119:9-16; antiphon: v. 14

BETH

<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

<sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! <sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

<sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

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>14</sup>In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

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 God, neaving king, God the Father Almi
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are

beneficial for us; 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**

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle**

Hebrews 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest,'"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he

appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia P 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 10:23-31

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

- 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 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

LSB 658

Preserve Your Word, O Savior,
To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish;
Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing;
Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us
While living here below.

Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite; Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error's night. Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below, Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know. 3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood; Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood. Be always our defender When dangers gather round; When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.

- 4 Preserve Your Word and preaching,
  The truth that makes us whole,
  The mirror of Your glory,
  The pow'r that saves the soul.
  Oh, may this living water,
  This dew of heav'nly grace,
  Sustain us while here living
  Until we see Your face.
- 5 Preserve in wave and tempest
  Your storm-tossed little flock;
  Assailed by wind and weather,
  May it endure each shock.
  Stand at the helm, our pilot,
  And set the course aright;
  Then we will reach the harbor
  In Your eternal light.

Sermon

"Spiritual Warfare: What causes you to lose sleep?"

Psalm 119:9, 11

P 192

# Offertory

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

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.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. Ρ It is meet and right so to do. 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 Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. 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 P 197 Pax Domini The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

C

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** "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

LSB 624

- The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn; From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.
- This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness. His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame; While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree. He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.
- The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat; On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn, And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

- Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
   My daily labor to pursue,
   Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
   In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task Thy wisdom has assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see, And labor on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.
- 4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke, And ev'ry moment watch and pray, And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.
- 5 For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n, And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

LSB 921

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!

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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# October 17, 2021 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23) Psalm 119:9, 11



# Spiritual Warfare: What causes you to lose sleep?

Many of us have had "sleepless" nights. What are some things in your life that cause you to lose sleep?

The Old Testament and Gospel readings focus on money.

**Eccl. 5:10** He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

This does not apply ONLY to the rich. Poor people have a love for money as well.

➤ Why do people focus so much on not having enough of things, including money?

Regardless of age, we all need to remain pure (Psalm 119:9).

- ➤ What does the Psalmist do to remain pure? (Psalm 119:11)
- The word 'store' means to keep close to oneself. In what ways can you keep God's Word stored in your heart?

God's Word and promises are the best way to battle sleepless nights during spiritual warfare.

# The Worship Service Sunday Morning October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker		
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt		
Elders	Peter Chaney, Boyd Arnold 8:00am John McDowell, Duane Lofton 10:30am		
Organist	Marilyn Smith		
Acolyte	Elle Diedrich, Cal Diedrich Will Vrbas, Elijah Vrbas	8:00am 10:30am	
Ushers	Darrell Clark, Dean Hollatz John O'Connor, John Sigle	8:00am	
	John Feliciano, Alan Weber Tom Moore, Matt Meyer	10:30am	
Greeters	Karen Mead Beth Weber, Lynn Jolley	8:00am 10:30am	
Videographer	Jeremy Skoog	8:00am	

# Announcements October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**NEW SERVICE-** There's always SOMETHING new at Messiah!!! Join us today for our BRAND NEW service in the gym:

Noon-1PM- FREE lunch with an open Q&A about Miracles or Christianity. 1PM-2PM- Worship together in the Gym (a Service of the Word--No Communion)

2PM-3PM- Bible Study on Mark 7 & Miracles

**PASTOR APPRECIATION** - Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? 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.

CHOIR—The holidays are quickly approaching, and we would love to have church choirs to help us celebrate!! Whether you would like to participate in vocal or handbell choir (and/or the person in the pew next to you keeps telling you how well you sing), please come to a Choir Interest Meeting Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. This first meeting will be to discuss options for a music director (there is a plan, we just need your feedback!).

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet this week on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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. If you would like to help, designate your gift in the offering or bring it to the office.

**SCHOOL NEWS** - Our Messiah students will be singing at our Unity Sunday Services throughout the year. Check out the school's Facebook page for pictures of the happenings at Messiah.

**SCHOOL SPORTS** -They will be back for a home volleyball game on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. vs Landmark.

ATTENTION- Jr. High kids grade 5th-8th. The Larson family will be hosting the Jr. High Event for October on Saturday, October 23 at the STUDT'S PUMPKIN PATCH located at 21 1/2 Rd. at I 1/2 Rd. Drop off time is 2:00 pm with pick up time at 4:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 each. Don't let the cost scare you! All are welcome! Marsa's cell number is 815-298-5693. Have fun! Don't get lost!!

**CANDY, PRIZES AND MORE** - Many items are needed to make our first Oktoberfest a success. Please take 1 or more cards from the bulletin board found in the Narthex. Return items to the office by October 25<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU!

**OKTOBERFEST**- OKTOBERFEST IS COMING TO MESSIAH!!! We know you *loved* Trunk-OR-Treat and *can't get enough* of our Reformation Dinner---so, why not put them together?!? Germanfest will be down in the Fellowship Hall, where we eat sauerkraut, brats, strudel, and reflect on Martin Luther's German heritage. *Make sure to bring a German dessert for our German dessert contest*. Fun, games, and candy will be through-out the gym with a carved pumpkin contest, costume contest (best Disney, Medieval, and superhero costumes), and sack race. Outside, we will have a Bump-N-Jump as well as a campfire to make s'mores. Hope you can join in for our first ever Oktoberfest Celebration!!! October 31st 12PM-4PM here at Messiah.

THE PREGNANCY CENTER- The Pregnancy Center is now comfortably settled into their new location at 2478 Patterson Road. Their current baby needs are: baby hats and socks, winter sleepers size 12-month boys and girls, baby towel and washcloth sets, baby lotions, shampoos, and stuffed animals. And, of course, there is always the ongoing need for disposable diapers, wipes, safety items such as electrical plug covers, corner covers, cabinet locks, baby bathtubs, car window sunscreens, thermometers, baby bottles, teething rings, and pacifiers etc. The Center is always very appreciative of your donations.

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. 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.

**USHERS-**There is 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. I would enjoy meeting you if we haven't been introduced! Thank you and God bless.

**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.

**BULLETIN BOARDS-** Our church bulletin boards outside of the sanctuary and across from Ms. Mead's office have been and will continue to be updated. If you have something that you would like to put on any of the bulletin boards, please contact the church office or Beth Weber 970-361-0794.

**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!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCH- It's coming back this year on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-3. Oh, we can't forget the Cookie Walk from 9-11 (or until the cookies are gone). If you are interested in being a vendor, registration forms are available in the office. Need more information? Contact Lois MacDonald (aka Nana Lois) at 970-245-4749 or 970-201-7338. The craft show is a fundraiser for school scholarships. The cookie walk and lunch go to our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in July 2022.

**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 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!

**COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS** needed for 2022! Please consider serving our Lord and your church by volunteering to help with communion. Sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you need to be trained or have questions, please contact Laura Ryden at (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 you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at <a href="weber4342@acsol.net">weber4342@acsol.net</a>.

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. An investment you made years ago and never thought about has been blessed by the Lord. You would like some income from it in retirement years but don't like the idea of paying a lot of tax on the gain. You can gift that asset into a Charitable Gift Annuity. It will provide an income stream for you, for life. When the Lord calls you home, roughly half the amount you put into it will become a gift to ministry. 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 or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS- Mark 10:29-30 - "Jesus said, 'Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.' "This is Jesus' encouragement for every faithful disciple. Let it encourage you today.

**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 <a href="https://www.thrivent.com">www.thrivent.com</a> 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.

#### October Income-

Week of October 8-14	\$19,209.51
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$33,188.51
Monthly need	\$83,090.08

Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm	Calendar for the Week Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live/ Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live Divine Service/Communion 3rd Sunday Q & A with lunch/Fellowship Hall 3rd Sunday Worship/gym 3rd Sunday Lay-led Bible Study
Monday	8:00am 1:30pm 3:15pm 5:30pm	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Office Staff Meeting School Staff Meeting Galatians Small Group in Multipurpose Room
Tuesday	9:00am 2:00pm	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall Ruth Circle Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	8:00am 6:00pm	NO SCHOOL- Pastor/Teacher Conference WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE Wednesday night service
Thursday	6:30am 6:30pm	NO SCHOOL- Pastor/Teacher Conference Galatians Small Group at Sunrise Café Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Bible Study
Friday		NO SCHOOL- Pastor/Teacher Conference Pastor Redeker's Day Off Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live/ Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live Divine Service/Communion