

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(September 6, 2020)
† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE †**

Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578 vv. 1-3

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
 At Thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank Thee,
 While Thine ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
 Dark as night and deep as death,
 Broke the light of Thy salvation,
 Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
 Bright with Thine own holiness,
 Glorious now, we press toward glory,
 And our lives our hopes confess.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!

Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

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- 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 32:1-7 (antiphon: v. 1)

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

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.**

This Is the Feast

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- C **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
people of God.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are
His.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

“As Surely as I Live," God Said”

LSB 614 vv. 1,2,5,7

- 1 “As surely as I live,” God said,
“I would not see the sinner dead.
I want him turned from error's ways,
Repentant, living endless days.”
- 2 And so our Lord gave this command:
“Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
Bestow on all My pard'ning grace
Who will repent and mend their ways.
- 5 The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.

Sermon “London Bridge Is Falling Down! It's Not Complicated”

Ezekiel 33:7-9

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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

† 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, 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

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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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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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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 Hymns "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

Post-Communion Cantic p 164

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 166

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 "Thy Strong Word" LSB 578 vv. 4-6

- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

STAND 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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14th Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 18: September 6, 2020
Ezekiel 33:7-9



***London Bridge Is Falling Down!
It's Not Complicated***

London Bridge is a cute little children's song. From what I know, London Bridge never really fell down.

That's not the case for Jerusalem, however! God had warned His people that if they didn't repent, the Babylonians would come in and bring things to ruins—including Jerusalem. Jerusalem *fell!* God doesn't joke around.

This part of Ezekiel begins a new section in the prophecy. People were looking for hope. They were experiencing God's law and judgment firsthand.

God appoints Ezekiel as the watchman, and the watchman needed to warn the people when danger was coming.

- One of the dangers was that many of the people didn't repent. What would happen to them?
- Today, there are LOTS of people who are spiritually dead and don't know they're heading to hell. Does that bother you?
- God's people in Babylon were also looking for hope. *"None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live."* (Ezekiel 33:16 [ESV](#)) What comfort does this verse bring?
- God's judgment is black and white. He's crystal clear about the outcome. God's grace in Christ is also crystal clear—and very freeing. Who do you know that you can pray for, or bring this message to this week?

Those Serving In

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
September 6, 2020**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	John O'Connor, Boyd Arnold	8:00am
	Duane Lofton, Jim Kenner	10:30am
Organist	Richard Scott	
Acolyte	"GG" Ammon, Addie Ritterbush	8:00am
	Jonas Ashcraft, Marek Ashcraft	10:30am
Ushers	Doug Haynes, Ben Fay	8:00am
	John Bruner, Dan Schield	10:30am
Videographer	Glacia Peck	

These next few months are going to be tough for everyone.

But, we will get through it together by the grace of God.

**If you or someone you know is in Spiritual,
Physical, or any other need:**

We are here for you.

Pastor Redeker: (314) 608-5538

Pastor Schmidt: (314) 261-3180

Announcements September 6, 2020

CHURCH OFFICE - the church office will be closed Tomorrow, September 7th, for Labor Day.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS WERE GIVEN TODAY in memory of Walt Schultz's birthday by Sally Schultz, Ty Schultz and family, and Andi Freyer and family.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- The annual election of congregational chairmen and board members, will be held at the November congregational meeting.

We need two members of the congregation to serve on the nominating committee. If you would like to serve your Lord on the nominating committee, please contact Paul Yutzy at 210-0479 or the church office.

POSITION AVAILABLE - The congregation is seeking a part-time Church Secretary, Monday - Thursday, 32 hours per week. Application and Job Description are available at the Church Office. Please contact Glacia with questions, glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org or 245-2838.

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

ARE YOU GOING TO DENVER? The Quilt Ladies have quilts to deliver to Orphan Grain Train and need someone to transport them to Denver. Quilts would be delivered to Gethsemane

Lutheran Church, 10675 N Washington Street, Northglenn. Please call Barbara Moore, 243-0909 if you can help in the delivery.

MESSIAH CHURCH FAMILY - We have welcomed back 64 students and their families for another year of learning and growing! We are excited to see familiar faces as well as MANY new ones! Just a reminder that our students and staff need your constant prayer and support. We would love for EACH FAMILY that attends Messiah to partner with us again this year and join us in our efforts of training up these children in the way that they should go, according to the Lord.

Are you able to help us and be a Prayer Partner this year? Make sure you look to see all the children's faces on the Narthex wall. Take one, or two, and PLEASE remember to sign your name next to theirs on their class list! Please refrain from taking more than two, so that all of our member's families have the opportunity to pray for someone in our school.

Keep in mind, your only "job/responsibility/commitment" is to pray for whomever you choose. What wonderful examples you can be to our children! We thank you for supporting all of us and our students. May God bless you each richly as you prayerfully consider joining us as a Prayer Partner this school year! The Messiah Church and School Staff

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 12th, Saturday, September 19th, and Saturday, September 26th, 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.

BATTLE READY MODULE 4: *The Freedom of Forgiveness* - 7th-12th Graders and their families are welcome to join in the next Battle-Ready Module!!! These will be held Sundays **September 20th to October 11th** at 9:30AM during the Sunday School hour!!! We will be studying the 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer; the Office of the Keys; and the 2nd Article of the Creed. A tangible assignment for this course will be to visit a courtroom or a jail as well as participating in private confession/absolution with a pastor.

"HOW DO DINOSAURS FIT INTO THE BIBLE?" - 7th-12th Graders and their families are invited **September 6th and 13th** at 9:30AM during the Sunday School hour!!! Many Christians lose their faith when it is put to the test. And, one of the immediate trials that our youth face--even in Jr. and Sr. High--is that of the history of the dinosaur. Come find out how dinosaurs fit in our own Christian worldview with our Worldviews teacher Mr. Scott Mauser!!!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY IS BACK! - Wednesday Bible study is starting up again on **Wednesday, September 9 at 11am-12 noon**. Pastors Redeker and Pastor Schmidt are ***combining*** their Wednesday Bible studies into ONE Bible study. They will take turns each week teaching the class. This year we will go through the prophet Isaiah. We look forward to getting everyone back together again!!

FAMILY NIGHT: Join us for Family Night September 11th!!! We will be having popcorn (provided) and other concessions (sold by our Sr. Youth) and the movie "Meet the Robinsons" 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!!!

MORNING MEN'S GROUP - Get the guys back together, bring your coffee and a donut, as we start up a *new* Morning Men's Group on **September 17th**. We will continue Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:15AM. In a Pastor Meyer-like fashion, join Pastor Schmidt as we read through Genesis verse-by-verse just discussing whatever may come to mind. If you're man enough, we'll see you there!!!

A NONGEOGRAPHICAL BIBLE STUDY!!!! - Men's Network is breaking barriers and going online... aaand, ***it's not just for men anymore!!!*** Anyone may join in 6:30pm Thursdays, starting **September 17th**, Pastor Redeker will lead you and others through-out the nation in the Word of God. Contact him for the Zoom link at:
pastorr@messiahlutherangj.org

VBS THIS SEPTEMBER!!! - With so many changes happening this year, VBS has been postponed. Instead of the week in June we had been planning, we will use the same theme, "Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way," as a weekend program this September (Sept. 12th, 19th, and 26th)!!! We will continue to provide a Christian, loving, welcome, and safe environment for the children as government recommendations progress. If you would like to help out, please contact Pastor Schmidt:

314-261-3180 or

pastorschmidt@messiahlutherangj.org

ATTENTION: Jr. High Youth grades 5-8 are invited to attend September's Youth Event hosted by the Shahan family on Sunday, September 20, from 3-4:15 pm at Axeology! You must arrive at 2:45 for parents to sign waivers and to get ready for Action! NO open toed shoes are allowed. Also, you must be 10 years or older to participate. Those 9 years and under will be able to throw foam axes. A generous family will be paying for this adventure so just bring your smiles and your enthusiasm!

Axeology is located in GJ behind the Sportsman's Warehouse in the Grand Mesa Center. Check out their website for more info.

NAVAJO MISSIONS PROJECT - We are seeking both DONATIONS and VOLUNTEERS to help with the Navajo Missions Project. We are planning to send them Christmas costumes. This is our wish list: 12 twin, queen, or king size pillow cases, 6 flat white sheets twin or full size, 2 baby blue flat sheets twin size, 3 spools of thread of each

color white, light blue, and beige, 3 tubes of E 6000 clear glue, 5 rolls of white duct tape, 5 packages of large gems with flat backs, 5 packages of white garland, 4 packages of ¼ inch elastic, lots of ½ inch cord. We need to make enough costumes for 20 children ages 3-16. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. We will have workdays on October 3rd and 10th, starting at 9:00am. Plan to bring a snack and a drink for yourself. Financial assistance will also be needed to ship the costumes to the Navajo Nation. If you have questions please contact Lynn Jolley, 970-234-2323 or Lois MacDonald, 970-245-4749. Thank you for your prayers and assistance with this Missions Project.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - Messiah Lutheran will be hosting the Financial Peace University class again this Fall via Zoom. Lisa Moore and Heather Meyer will be teaching the 9-week course. We are able to offer you the class for only \$109. This gives you a full year of online videos, worksheets, money apps and more. Learn how to live like no one else so you can live and give like no one else. Zoom classes will be Thursday evening from 7 pm to 7:30 pm starting September 10th. Sign up at fpu.com/1123495. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Krizman at krizclan@hotmail.com or 970-208-2345.

GIFT PLANNING - As you think about leaving inheritance, what runs through your mind? Is your goal to have family hang on to "your things?" Do you

sense a burden of obligation? Or, since we live under grace, can you see inheritance as gifts to family, which you get to give because God first gave to you? Would you like help gaining 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 THOUGHT - “(Jesus said), ‘Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven’” (Matthew 18:4). What does it mean to have childlike faith?

Certainly, Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*. We are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts - with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

(from the LCMS Stewardship website)

-The Board of Stewardship

THANK YOU - Congregation of Lutheran Church of Messiah: Your contribution of items for babies and the unique “safety” baby items bag will all be greatly appreciated. God Bless, Grand Junction Pregnancy Center

MESSIAH’S RADIO MINISTRY-Pastor Redeker’s sermons can be heard on 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR-Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

ONLINE GIVING - Click online giving on the front page of our website www.messiahlutherangj.org to set up reoccurring offering or a onetime donation.

HOLY COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING

SERVICES OF 2020 -need volunteers.

Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-260-6766 for more information.

August Income:

Week of August 23-Aug.31	\$27,095.50
Weekly need	20,386.00
Month to date	92,525.86
Monthly need	88,342.00

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	9:30am	"How Do Dinosaurs Fit Into The Bible?"/7 th - 12 th Families
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	-----	NO SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	9:00am	NO Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	NO School Faculty Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Board of Christian Education
	5:30pm	Senior Youth/Youth Room
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah
	6:00pm	Church/Communion
Thursday	7:00pm	Financial Peace University/Zoom
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	7:00pm	Family Movie Night/Meet the Robinsons
Saturday	9:00am	Adult Information Class/Fellowship Hall
	9:00am	Vacation Bible School
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Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.

September to Remember!

LWML Giving Tuesday 2020

Join us in supporting and praying for the LWML Mission Goal, which shares Jesus' love by reaching out to the hurting, helpless, and unbelieving people throughout the world.

Giving Tuesday ... a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating this event on **September 15, 2020**, our **LWML September to Remember**.

This will be an opportunity to remember loved ones, a mentor, an LWML sister, or a pastoral counselor ... someone who kindled our love for doing the Lord's kingdom work. Write a note to someone who inspired you in your walk with our Lord and your support of LWML. **We encourage you:**

- to share your LWML story of that person on Facebook,
- donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that someone special, and
- pray for our mission grants.

Beginning September 1, and culminating on **LWML Giving Tuesday 2020, September 15**, the LWML website home page will feature special stories of LWML encouragers, mentors, and loved ones. Read those stories at <http://lwml.org/>

Our goal is to use September to Remember to spread the Gospel message by receiving donations for LWML Mission Grants, which share the love of Jesus throughout all nations. Our goal is to also to honor those who have inspired us to serve the Lord.

Give on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Thanks to a generous family, this year all Giving Tuesday donations will be matched, up to \$10,000 in matching funds!

Thank you. May God bless our efforts to further His kingdom and His Gospel message.