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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(September 13, 2020)

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE †

Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

LSB 826

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet’s hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”

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 27:4-9 (antiphon: v. 4a)



⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek | after: *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his | temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and will offer in his tent
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

⁸You have said, | “Seek my face.”*
My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”

⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in | anger,*
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my sal- | vation!
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.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek | after:*

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed

between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge

my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

LSB 853

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your Word
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all
And will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
Your yoke is hard to bear;
If worldly pressures fray the mind,
And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care:
Our inward life repair.

3 We marvel how Your saints become
In hindrances more sure;
Whose joyful virtues put to shame
The casual way we wear Your name
And by our faults obscure
Your pow’r to cleanse and cure.

4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to You,
The cross You hung upon—
All You endeavored done.

Sermon

“Laboring Together”

Matthew 20:1-16

Offertory

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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

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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

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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

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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.**

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 Hymns “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
 For weak and weary is my soul;
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
 To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain.

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
 Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
 That sinners may salvation see
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain.

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
 Because I have a sinful heart,
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain.

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
 Receive me graciously and gladden
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain.

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
 It is faith's bond and solid base;
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,
 The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain.

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
 In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
 Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
 Our weak souls that they may flourish:
 O Lord, have mercy!
 May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
 That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

Stand 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

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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

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Salutation and Benedicamus

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- P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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- 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

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

LSB 854

- 1 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.
- 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.

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
September 13, 2020**

Preacher	Rev. David Buss	
Liturgist	Rev. Michael Redeker Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	John O'Connor, Boyd Arnold Gary Anderson, Matt Bonnell	8:00am 10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Acolyte	"GG" Ammon, Addie Ritterbush	8:00am 10:30am
Ushers	Doug Haynes, Ben Fay John Bruner, Dan Schield	8:00am 10:30am
Cantor	Sam Buchman	
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 13, 2020

WELCOME REV. DAVID BUSS!!! It is a blessing to have the Executive Assistant to the District President joining us this weekend. As you can see on the cover, he is a grandpa too. Happy Grandparents Day!!!

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 Yutzky 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.

"KIDS TALK" - Children up to Fourth Grade are invited to "Kids Talk" starting TODAY!!! At our 10:30AM service, we will have a kid's time with sermon video available in the library. This is ONLY during the sermon; kids will be

invited out and back in. If they want to stay to hear Pastor, that's great!! But we're hoping this will especially help the extra squirmy ones reengage after sitting for so long.

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! 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

LYDIA CIRCLE at 7 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at Marsha Brodak's home. If you need directions or question, please contact Marsha at 243-7647.

RUTH CIRCLE - Bring your lawn chair, bottle of water and your Bible. We'll meet in the grassy area east of the pool, picnic area, south of the tennis courts.

There is ample parking and will not have to walk far. If questions, call Helen Bonner 241-3417

LWML RMD WESTERN ZONE RALLY - Saturday, Sep 19, 2020 01:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Read LUKE2 and become familiar enough with the story to say in your own words. The shirts and sweatshirts are available for order. Contact Arliss

Bridgett (970-270-3517 or arlissbridgett@hotmail.com for ordering information) We hope everyone will wear the LUKE2 gear throughout Advent and at events.

We are planning an event at the mall on Black Friday to help accomplish the goal of changing Black Friday into Brite Friday. We hope to have as many people as possible participate.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We are glad to have so many people interested in our church!!! The next new member class will be on 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 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 at 11am-12 noon. Pastor 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!!

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** in the Fellowship Hall. 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. 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 - Do inheritance gifts need to be equal to family members in order to be fair? Aiming at fairness might blind you to things the Lord wants you to accomplish with the giving of His gifts. Special needs of a family

member may be a focus. Creation or continuation of a business might be another. The product produced by inheritance may impact much more than your family. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help think and pray about the right gifts. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius” (Matthew 20:9). Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God’s being. (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.

Laura Ryden, 970-260-6766 for more information.

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

September Income:

Week of Sept. 1-Sept. 6	\$34,930.92
Weekly need	20,386.00
Month to date	34,930.92
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/Kids Talk
Monday	9:00am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Parochial Education
	5:30pm	Board of Finance
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior Youth/Youth Room
	7:00pm	Church Council
	7:00pm	Lydia Circle/Marsha Brodak's home
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah
	4:30pm	Campus Ministry/CMU Library
	4:30pm	Lutherans for Life/Library
	6:00pm	Church
Thursday	6:30am	Men's Morning Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
	7:00pm	Financial Peace University/Zoom
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	9:00am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Saturday	9:00am	Adult Information Class/Fellowship Hall
	9:00am	Vacation Bible School
	1:00pm	LWML Fall Rally/Zoom
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	9:30am	Battle Ready/7 th - 12 th

10:30am
3:00pm

Divine Service/Communion/Kids Talk
Jr. Youth/Axeology

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.

CELEBRATE LWML SUNDAY AND MESA COUNTY LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 4 BEGINNING AT 2:00PM AT MESSIAH!

NEW!! Baby Onesie makes a thoughtful gift for the newbies in our congregation or an appreciated gift for New Moms at Birthright and Pregnancy Center.



Sizes 6-month, 12 month, 18 month \$10 #LWML10062MM

Order one for a family member and/or donate one/both for a new Mom at Birthright and Pregnancy Center. Place orders at: www.lwml.org/store or by phone at 800-325-3040. Contact Beth Weber for more information, 970-361-0794.

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