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**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(September 20, 2020)
† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †**

Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn	“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”	LSB 754 vv. 1-3
1	Entrust your days and burdens To God’s most loving hand; He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the tempests Along their thund’rous ways Will find for you a pathway And guide you all your days.	
2	Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure. Make His work your foundation That your work may endure. No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care Can win your Father’s favor; His heart is moved by prayer.	
3	Take heart, have hope, my spirit, And do not be dismayed; God helps in ev’ry trial And makes you unafraid. Await His time with patience Through darkest hours of night Until the sun you hoped for Delights your eager sight.	

Confession and Absolution p 203

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

Invocation p 203

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

Exhortation p 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God 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 103:1-12 (antiphon: v. 13)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

- ⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 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.
- ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Kyrie

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- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; 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; Christ, have mercy; 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; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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- C To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.
- To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,

You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not

pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB 761

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Sermon

“The Weakest Link”

Romans 14:1-12

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all

creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 p 209

Pax Domini p 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei p 210

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” LSB 756

1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near
With His cheer;
Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God’s Son
For me won
When His life was given?

2 When life’s troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight
May be great,
They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sends them;
He who knows
All my woes
Knows how best to end them.

3 God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will
Trust Him still
When He sends me sadness.
God is good; His love attends me
Day by day,
Come what may,
Guides me and defends me.

- 4 From God's joy can nothing sever,
For I am
His dear lamb,
He, my Shepherd ever.
I am His because He gave me
His own blood
For my good,
By His death to save me.
- 5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
Though it might,
Day and night,
Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife
Of this life
To His joy immortal!

“On Eagles' Wings”

LSB 727

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”
- ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. Refrain
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain

“When Peace, like a River”

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
 When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.
- ref It is well (It is well)
 with my soul, (with my soul),
 It is well, it is well with my soul.
- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

Communion Blessing**Nunc Dimittis**

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- C O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.
- All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”

LSB 754 vv. 4-6

4 Leave all to His direction;
His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder
At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping,
With wonder-working pow'rs
Will banish from your spirit
What gave you troubled hours.

5 O blessed heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
September 20, 2020**

Preacher	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Liturgist	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Elders	Stephen Hildebrand, Boyd Arnold Gary Anderson, Billy Diaz	8:00am 10:30am
Organist	Marilyn Smith	
Acolyte	“GG” Ammon, Addie Ritterbush Aaron Schultz, Ryan Schultz	8:00am 10:30am
Ushers	Doug Haynes, Ben Fay John Bruner, Dan Schield	8:00am 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 20, 2020

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.

"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.

MESSIAH CHURCH FAMILY - 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

RUTH CIRCLE - in the Park (Lincoln) Sept 22nd at 2 p.m. 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

THE LUKE2PROJECT is a fun and easy way to share the good news about Jesus in your everyday life. By wearing the LUKE2 shirts around, many conversations will start.

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.

ATTENTION: Jr. High Youth grades 5-8 are invited to attend September's Youth Event hosted by the Shahan family TODAY, 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.

BATTLE READY MODULE 4: 7th-12th Graders and their families are welcome to join in the next Battle-Ready Module!!! These sessions continue on Sundays until **October 11th** at 9:30AM during the Sunday School hour!!! We are 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.

LIFE CHAIN - Please join us for the Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00pm here at Messiah Lutheran Church. The Life Chain is an annual event where people across the country stand in silent prayer and draw attention to the sanctity of life. We will also be rallying for Proposition 115 that would end late term abortion in Colorado. Sponsored by Mesa County Right to

Life, Lutherans for Life, and Knights of Columbus.

"SECRET WEAPON" - Starting October 7th at 7PM: Join us for an 8-week study, as we read and discuss A Gentle Answer: Our "Secret Weapon" in an Age of Us Against Them by Scott Sauls. Among other things, we will study:

- how to turn away wrath by increasing our love for Christ (our example for responding gently to hostility),
- how to renew and soften our hearts, and
- give up the mentality of "us against them."

This study dramatically contrasts with our culture's continual anger, outrage, and attacks on those who think or believe differently than we do. You will be expected to obtain a hard-copy (ISBN 978-1-4002-1655-0) or e-version (ISBN 978-1-4002-1656-7) of the book before the Bible Study begins. You will also be expected to read, and highlight/take notes on/otherwise remember important points from one chapter per week in preparation for our group discussion. The study will be led by Kathy Reed, a professor at CMU, and held in person and online.

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. 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

NEW MEMBER CLASS: The last new member class will be on Saturday, September 26th, this class 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.

VBS THIS SEPTEMBER!!! - "Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way," Saturday, September 26th will be the last opportunity to attend. 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

SR. HIGH EVENTS - Grades 9-12th are invited to help us MAKE BREAKFAST BURRITOS on Friday, October 2nd at 4:00pm. This is one of our *biggest* fundraisers to provide for the National Youth Gathering as well as other Youth Group Events. Then, later in October, we will have our **FALL LOCK-IN** on October 30th at 6PM to October 31st at 11AM. We also need a volunteer to help coordinate food for our Sr. High Youth Group!!! Contact Pastor Schmidt if interested.

"HOW DO DINOSAURS FIT INTO THE BIBLE?" You are invited Thursday, **October 8th**, for the final session of "How Do Dinosaurs Fit Into the Bible" at 6:00-8:00PM!!! If you missed the class during Sunday School, don't worry, Scott will cover *everything in one night!!!* 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 Worldview teacher, Mr. Scott Mauser!!!

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, 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.

WE ARE BLESSED!!! God has truly blessed us in so many ways. He has given us passionate volunteers; selfless janitors; amazing teachers; unity in our church and school; a new gym floor; and the list could go on forever... beginning and ending with the divine love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. In October we will be celebrating the new driveway *and* playground God has provided for us (through estate/legacy giving as well as fundraising). Join us for this celebration outside and online at **10:30AM October 18th to dedicate the driveway and during chapel Wednesday, October 21st, to dedicate the playground** with the kids!!

FOR SALE - The quilt ladies have a beautiful handmade 10-piece fall table setting (1 table runner, 4 place mats, 3 hot pot holders, 1 wicker bread basket and 1 bread cover) for sale. If you would like to dress up your table for the fall it is available for sale on Tuesday mornings 9:00am to 11:30am for a donation (suggested donation of

\$50.00) proceeds will go to buying needed quilting supplies. Thank you for your support.

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

QUILT LADIES - We have just sent off 45 quilts to the Orphan Grain Train. Thank you to Bill and Betsy Brodak for delivering the quilts to Orphan Grain Train. A special thank you to Carolyn Baker who has made several quilt deliveries to Orphan Grain Train for us.

GIFT PLANNING - Should I talk with my family about their inheritance before the Lord calls me home? Privacy about inheritance often generates a claim to own things that really are God's gifts for us to give. It may indeed be very important for you to talk with family about the godly stewardship of the gifts you will give. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate these conversations with your family members. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself” (Romans 14:7). We just don’t belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family. (from the LCMS Stewardship website) -The Board of Stewardship

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.

2020 Yard Sale Disbursements	
Total Sales	\$10,828.00
Square Fees	-\$30.00
Lunches and Supplies	-\$295.00
Advertising	-\$52.00
A-Frame Signs	-\$360.00
Movie Camera Project for Online Service	-\$406.00
School	-\$1,000.00
Preschool	-\$200.00
Youth	-\$500.00
Campus Ministries	-\$500.00
Nursery Roll	-\$300.00
Luke 2 Project	-\$500.00
Playground	
Fencing	-\$4,300.00
Security Camera System	-\$1,000.00
COVID cleaning handheld	
Pur*One tablets for a Year	-\$875.00
Fine tuning on A-Frame Signs	-\$425.00
	<u>-\$85.00</u>
	\$0.00

September Income:	
Week of Sept. 7-Sept. 13	\$19,382.64
Weekly need	20,386.00
Month to date	54,313.56
Monthly need	88,342.00

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	9:30am	Battle Ready Module 4/7 th - 12 th Families
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Kids Talk
	3:00pm	Jr. Youth/Axeology
Monday	9:00am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Ruth Circle/Lincoln Park
	5:30pm	Senior Youth/Youth Room
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah
	4:30pm	Campus Ministry/CMU Library
	6:00pm	Church/Communion
Thursday	6:30am	Men's Morning Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
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.

**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. <https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cph.org/images/product/xxl/lwml10062m.jpg>



\$2 Burrito or 12 for \$20

All proceeds go to Messiah's youth group trip to the National Youth Gathering, in Houston, July 2022

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Burritos will be ready for pick up after services or Sunday, October 4th.

They will also be available after school Monday October 5th.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PICK UP TIME _____

_____ Sausage Burrito

_____ Sausage Burrito with bacon

_____ No Meat Burrito

_____ Total order

_____ Total amount due