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The Third Sunday after Pentecost
(June 13th, 2021)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain
- ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Refrain

Confession and Absolution

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God 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 1; antiphon: v. 6

- ¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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
⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 17:1-10

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, propound a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel; ³say, Thus says the Lord GOD: A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, rich in plumage of many colors, came to Lebanon and took the top of the cedar. ⁴He broke off the topmost of its young twigs and carried it to a land of trade and set it in a city of merchants. ⁵Then he took of the seed of the land and planted it in fertile soil. He placed it beside abundant waters. He set it like a willow twig, ⁶and it sprouted and became a low spreading vine, and its branches turned toward him, and its roots remained where it stood. So it became a vine and produced branches and put out boughs.

⁷“And there was another great eagle with great wings and much plumage, and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and shot forth its branches toward him from the bed where it was planted, that he might water it. ⁸It had been planted on good soil by abundant waters, that it might produce branches and bear fruit and become a noble vine.

⁹“Say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it withers, so that all its fresh sprouting leaves wither? It will not take a strong arm or many people to pull it from its roots. ¹⁰Behold, it is planted; will it thrive? Will it not utterly wither when the east wind strikes it—wither away on the bed where it sprouted?”

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389 vv. 1-4

- 1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.

Sermon

“Gospel Servants: *Christian Growth*”

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Pentecost Anthem “Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant
Humble and meek
Lord let me lift up
Those who are weak
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be
Make me a servant
Make me a servant
Make me a servant today

† 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!

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

P 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

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

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "Christ Be My Leader"

LSB 861

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

“Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit”

LSB 681

1 Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit
On Your servant now, we pray;
Let him prove a faithful shepherd
That no lamb be led astray.
Your pure teaching to proclaim,
To extol Your holy name,
And to feed Your lambs, dear Savior,
Make his aim and sole endeavor.

2 You, O Lord, Yourself have called him
For Your precious lambs to care;
But to prosper in his calling,
He the Spirit’s gifts must share.
Give him wisdom from above,
Fill his heart with holy love;
In his weakness, Lord, be near him,
In his prayers, Good Shepherd, hear him.

3 Help, Lord Jesus, help him nourish
All our children with Your Word
That in fervent love they serve You
Till in heav’n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow
On his faithful toil below
Till by grace to him be given
His reward, the crown of heaven.

Nunc Dimittis

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**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Earth and All Stars"

LSB 817

1 Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

ref He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!

2 Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees!

Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

- 3 Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
June 13th, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	Arnold Boyd, John O'Connor	8:00am
	Duane Lofton, John McDowell	10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Acolyte	Elle Diedrich, Kelsey Ehlert	8:00am
	Jimmy Hayes	10:30am
Ushers	Dean Hallatz, Bill Buxman	8:00am
	Joe Barcus, Doug Haynes	
	Sean Redeker, Dennis Phillip	10:30am
	Matt Meyer, John Feliciano	
Videographer	Chris Hayes	8:00am

Announcements June 13th, 2021

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE, 8:00am - 3:00pm. If the door is locked during this time, please ring the bell on the right-hand side of the door and someone will let you in.

CHURCH OFFICE - will be closed on Monday, July 5th for Fourth of July holiday.

JOIN THE TEAM! *Saturday 19th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am to 12:00pm.* To become a FULL-MEMBER of Messiah, and/or learn what makes Lutherans different. If you would like to join the church, but don't have these Saturdays free. Please, contact the office or a Pastor!

*****SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER KICK-OFF:** Join the fun today with fun games outside during Sunday School. After late service there will be a BBQ, Bounce House, etc. ***

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will continue throughout the summer in the multipurpose room.

GOPEL DNA: We l have Small Groups starting this week! "Gospel DNA"— Contact the Church office if you would like to participate (either as a group or an individual).

MESSIAH MESSENGER - The next newsletter deadline is **Friday, June 18th at 9:00am.** You may use the form available outside the office in the News Box, or email to: glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org.

LADIES OF MESSIAH -- Potluck picnic for all ladies at Longs Park on Patterson at the Mt. Garfield shelter for June

24th at 11:00 a.m. Will have beverages provided. Hope to see many of you and please bring someone new to our group. Parking and restrooms are close-by. A chance to renew friendships and make new ones of our Christian sisters.

THANK YOU: Kay Coulson would like to thank everyone for the prayer and cards.

QUILTING LADIES: The quilting ladies have sent 42 quilts to North Glenn. Thank you to Carolyn Baker to delivering them. The quilting ladies meet every Tuesday at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. They would love for you to join them.

KIDS TALK: Need someone to help fill in for Kids Talk during the summer. Please contact Crystal Schultz at 970-201-5927.

4th of July Watermelon Event: The BOE (Board of Evangelism) is sponsoring a watermelon "feed" and would love to have your help. There is a July 4th baseball game at Stocker Stadium followed by fireworks. The stadium gates open at 6:00pm. So, we are planning to serve slices of watermelon from 6:30-8:30pm. FREE!!! If you would like to help set up, please come at 5:30pm. In the past church families have brought a picnic supper and hung out in the parking lot for the fireworks. Please bring your chairs, cornhole games, etc. to make this a fun event for all. The watermelon has been donated but we could really use your help with ice. Please either buy a

couple bags of ice or freeze some milk jugs of water. Bring the ice to the church, Sunday morning before church. Contact us to let us know you are bringing some form of ice. We will buy the rest but hopefully many hands make short work! Any questions, comments, or volunteer to help, please contact Arliss 270-3517 or Beth 970-361-0794.

CHURCH YARD SALE: The 2021 Yard Sale will be July 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Muscle needed to move tables to the Gym on Sunday July 4th after the Potluck. You can drop off your stuff for the yard sale during the office hour 8:00am to 3:00pm.

SHARE US WITH YOUR FRIENDS: Cards are available in the Narthex for anyone to use. They have a QR code that is linked to the church website. They are a great way to let people in our community know about our church and school.

CHURCH CAMP!!!! Camp is happening this year! We will be going to Twin Peaks Bible Camp on the Grand Mesa August 6-8. It is a great chance for a last hurrah for the summer-playing, fishing, hiking, singing, and studying God's word. It's a good way to get to know other church members better. There are cabins or you can camp. We make all the meals and eat together. The cost is \$30/person for the whole weekend. You need to sign up on the Camp sheet to reserve your spot. The sign-up sheet and a map are on the shelf by the west entrance. If you have questions, call Karen Skoog at 970-242-

2986 (Please leave a message). Hope you can join us!!!

GREETER- GETTING BACK TO NORMAL! AT LEAST TRYING TO. Want to get to know your Messiah family, sign up to be a greeter. The "NEW" sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet. We need greeters for June 2021.

GIFT PLANNING: As you goal for your family gift plan, will a lump sum inheritance serve your heirs better or would it be better spread over time? You don't want their inheritance to harm them but to bless. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help talk through your goals in this area. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Mark 4:34 - "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything." How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore, let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments, and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at

www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	9:00am	VBS
Tuesday	9:00am	VBS
	3:30pm	Ruth Circle
	5:30pm	Senior High
	5:30pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	9:00am	VBS
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	2:00pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Andersons in Fruita
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service
Thursday	7:00pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
	9:00am	VBS
	10:00am	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church/Online
	1:00pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
Friday	6:30pm	Gospel DNA Small Group Online with Pastor Redeker
	9:00am	MESSIAH MESSENGER DEADLINE
	9:00am	VBS
Saturday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	9:00am	New Member Class
Sunday	11:30am	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
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Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.