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*Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

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First Sunday in Advent  
(November 28th, 2021)

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

## † DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO †

Greeting and announcements

Sharing of God's Peace

Baptism- Sterling Clemons (10:30AM)  
*(During 10:30am service, Confession and Absolution, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer are included in the baptism rite.)*

Opening Hymn "The Night Will Soon Be Ending" LSB 337

- 1 The night will soon be ending;  
The dawn cannot be far.  
Let songs of praise ascending  
Now greet the Morning Star!  
All you whom darkness frightens  
With guilt or grief or pain,  
God's radiant Star now brightens  
And bids you sing again.
- 2 The One whom angels tended  
Comes near, a child, to serve;  
Thus God, the judge offended,  
Bears all our sins deserve.  
The guilty need not cower,  
For God has reconciled  
Through His redemptive power  
All those who trust this child.
- 4 Yet nights will bring their sadness  
And rob our hearts of peace,  
And sin in all its madness  
Around us may increase.  
But now one Star is beaming  
Whose rays have pierced the night:  
God comes for our redeeming  
From sin's oppressive might.

- 5 God dwells with us in darkness  
And makes the night as day;  
Yet we resist the brightness  
And turn from God away.  
But grace does not forsake us,  
However far we run.  
God claims us still as children  
Through Mary's infant Son.

### Confession and Absolution

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*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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

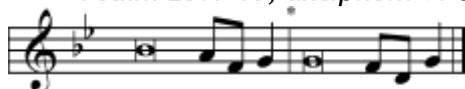
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

*Psalm 25:1-10; antiphon: v. 6*



- <sup>1</sup>To you, | O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be | put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- <sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;  
teach me | your paths.
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my sal- | vation;  
for you I wait all the | day long.
- <sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,  
for they have been | from of old.
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!
- <sup>8</sup>Good and upright | is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
- <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in | what is right,  
and teaches the humble | his way.
- <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.
- 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.
- <sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,  
for they have been | from of old.

Kyrie

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- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.**

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.**

**C Amen.**

### **This Is the Feast**

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**P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.**

**Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**P Let us pray.**

**Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**P This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

# Epistle

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Leader:*  
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*  
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*  
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*  
and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*  
Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*  
and shine within your peo - ple here. —

## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

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- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

**STAND** 5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

**Sermon** "THE SMALLEST BRANCH" **Jer. 33:15, Luke 21:29-33**

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

Sarah Lampitt on Violin

## † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

**Preface**

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**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Words of Our 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.

### Pax Domini

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

### Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LSB 338

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev’ry nation,  
Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris’n this day;  
Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
    To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
    The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
    “O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
    Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
    The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
    Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
    “O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
    And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:  
    You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
    Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
    Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
    You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
    We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
    So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
    May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
    In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

**Thank the Lord**

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- C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

- A Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through  
this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would  
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love  
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## 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 “The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331

- 1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant’s form puts on  
To set His servants free.
- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

STAND 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rev. Michael Redeker	
<b>Organist</b>	Marilyn Smith	
<b>Elders</b>	Ray Seeley, Peter Chaney	8:00am
	Victor Lozano	10:30am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Parker Shahan, Shyloh Dimmick	8:00am
	Aaron Schultz, Ryan Schultz	10:30am
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Vrbas, Joe Barcus	8:00am
	Dave Gruner	
	Martin Gaines, Brian O'Connor	10:30am
	Sean Redeker	
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Joyce Feliciano	10:30am
<b>Videographer</b>	Jeremy Skoog	10:30am
<b>Special Music</b>	Sarah Lampitt	
<b>Cantor</b>	Neal Kaspar	

## Announcements November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS WERE GIVEN TODAY** To the glory of God in honor of Gary Anderson's 80th birthday!

**FAREWELL LUNCH FOR PASTOR SCHMIDT-** Please join us **TODAY** at 1:00pm for a Farewell Lunch Potluck to celebrate Pastor Schmidt. Please bring a side dish to share. We will have an umbrella set up for cards and money donations. Let's shower him with LOVE!

**HELP NEEDED-** Jr. High Youth could use your help! With the catechism covered in our Battle-Ready Program, Jr. High Youth Group meets weekly focused on building fellowship between church kids, school kids, and their friends. Bridging this divide is something that will serve the youth well in retaining relationships and growing together as they anticipate entering their High School years. If you think you could lead this group in Pastor Schmidt's absence, please contact the office.

**NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM-** Our school has been blessed with an entire new science curriculum, and 2 new microscopes. We are still in need of items to provide hands on labs, experiments and more. If you would like to donate or purchase some of these amazing items, there is a wish list in the school office.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** Can be picked up in the narthex. If you currently do not have offering envelopes, and would like to have some, or if you have envelopes and do not use them, please let the Church office know.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE-** Pastor Daeke's Memorial Service will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00AM. Please keep our sister church in Paonia in your prayers through their transition.

**PARADE OF LIGHTS-** Looking for volunteers!! Parade of Lights is coming up Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>! The theme this year is candy canes. If you can help, make the float, get it set up and/or be in the parade, please let Amelia or the office know.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH AND GARLAND-** Many hands are needed to help prepare the [Christmas wreaths and garland](#) for the sanctuary. Lynn Jolley has agreed to coordinate the fluffing of the greenery and wreaths. If she does not get help, we will not be putting the wreaths and garland up. We will be fluffing on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call Lynn Jolley to volunteer 970-234-2323.

**WREATH HANGING AND TREE DECORATING-** Decorate the church day is coming! Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00am. Please join us as we enjoy our time together preparing for the Advent and Christmas seasons. No experience is needed, and we welcome our veteran decorators to join us once again. Thank you to all that help get our building ready for this great season of our Lord.

**LUKE2 PROJECT-** Please join us in the LUKE2 project. There is information about this at [LUKE2project.org](http://LUKE2project.org). In short: 1. Wear the shirt. 2. Silently remind all who see it the

REASON for the season. 3. If someone asks and doesn't have a church home invite them (we have invitations printed and available in the narthex) or you can use our church cards. What is BRITE Friday? LUKE2 goal: Change black Friday into BRITE Friday by 2023. The founder of LUKE2 has a short video out and he uses the analogy of wearing the LUKE2 shirts with wearing your favorite team shirt, we are rooting for our team! There are offering envelopes also to make donations. If you have any questions, you can also call Arliss Bridgett 970-270-3517

**ADVENT SERVICES** will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**SOUP SUPPERS**-During Advent Season we hold a Soup Supper meal prior to the service at 7pm. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and always good food. The meal generally consists of 3 types of soup, salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks. We serve from 5:15pm to 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall on the following Wednesdays: Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 15. Special thanks to Mike Messenger, Messiah's Chief Cook, for heading up these suppers.

**LWML LADIES VESPERS SERVICE** will be Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be at 4:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** will be at 7:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** at 10:00am.

**\*\*SUNDAY DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup>** There will only be one service. Bible study will be at 9:00am and Church service will be at 10:00am.

**NO NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENING SERVICE**

**AMAZON.SMILE** - Are you shopping for Christmas on Amazon? A portion of your sales will be donated to our church and school. Log into Amazon. Smile, select Messiah Lutheran Church and School of Grand Junction and do your shopping.

**GIVING TREE**- Once again this year we will have a giving tree with items to donate to needy families at Christmas time. The tree will be in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider helping needy families to better enjoy their Christmas. All you need to do is select an item on the tree, purchase the gift, wrap it, and bring it back to church. If you know of a family in need, please let one of the Pastors or Glacia know so that we can see they get on the tree. Thank you! Questions contact the church office 245-2838.

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

cookie walk and lunch go to our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in July 2022.

**NEW SERVICE-** There's always SOMETHING new at Messiah!! Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of The month for our BRAND-NEW service in the gym:

**Noon-1PM-** FREE lunch with Fellowship and Discussion

**1PM-2PM-** Worship together in the Gym (a Service of the Word—No Communion)

**2PM-3PM-** After time to study and open gym.

**YES YOU CAN-** As we begin to get back into the "normal" routine, please check out the "YES, I CAN" bulletin board in the Narthex. "Yes You Can" be a Greeter! "Yes You Can" set-up for Communion! "Yes You Can" be an Usher! And once again, "YES You Can" provide altar flowers! Please consider serving your church by saying "Yes I Can"! Should you have questions, please contact Beth Weber, 970-361-0794. You can email prayer requests to <Beth Weber> [weber4342@acsol.net](mailto:weber4342@acsol.net).

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE-** FOOD PANTRY - Thank you all so much for your overwhelming response to our food pantry request. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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

**USHERS-**There is a sign-up sheet for 10:30 Service Ushers posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you are able and wish to help, please contact me, Matt Meyer, at 402-750-9705. You can also chat with me before or after 10:30 Service. I would enjoy meeting you if we haven't been introduced! Thank you and God bless.

**GREETERS-** Thank you to all of you who have signed up to be greeters and to all future greeters. There are still Sundays available. Help be a welcoming smile to all members and visitors to Messiah. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet.

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

**UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF—** Every Tuesday, at 6:00PM, Mr. Scott Mauser is hosting a class on apologetics, discussing how to share what we believe in truth, love,

gentleness, and respect. These classes are over at the Alpha and Omega Institute 1011 N 10th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Hope you can make it!

**COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS** needed for 2022! Please consider serving our Lord and your church by volunteering to help with communion. Sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you need to be trained or have questions, please contact Laura Ryden at (970) 260-6766

**PRAYER REQUESTS-** *"But when you pray, go to into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you," (Matt. 6:6).* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at [weber4342@acsol.net](mailto:weber4342@acsol.net).

**GIFT PLANNING-** In a complex world, each of us need trusty advisers to lead us to proper decisions and actions. Some of the longest relationships adults may have may very well be with their financial planners who see them through opening their first investment account, planning for college, and implementing a retirement strategy. It is important to communicate your estate gifting plans to your financial planner so they can help you manage those gifts toward your goals until the Lord calls you home. Your Messiah Gift Planning counselor can help you communicate those goals. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS-** Isaiah 51:6b - "... for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment ..." The things of this earth - the things that hold our attention, that cause us worry, and that tempt us away from the Lord - are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over. Rather, they are to be used for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves, but only the means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

**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](http://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. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at 9:00am. If you would like to be a sponsor for our radio ministry, contact the church office, 970-245-2838.

**November Income-**

Week of Nov. 19-24	\$17,908.52
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$108,250.11
Monthly need	\$83,090.08

### 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
	1:00pm	<b>FAREWELL LUNCH FOR PASTOR SCHMIDT</b>
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Sr. High Youth Group
Wednesday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	5:15pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Service
Thursday	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Bible Study
Friday	-----	Fluffing Christmas Wreath And Garland
	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
Saturday	9:00am	Wreath Hanging and Tree Decorating
	5:00pm	Parade of Lights
Sunday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:00am	Unity Sunday/Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live/
	11:30am	Church Potluck