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*Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

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Third Sunday in Advent  
(December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 FOUR †

### Greeting and announcements

### Sharing of God's Peace

### Opening 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.

### 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 85; antiphon: v. 2*

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>**You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.
- <sup>4</sup>**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- <sup>6</sup>**Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**
- <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

**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**

<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.

**Kyrie**

P 204

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

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,

so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in,  
at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Philippians 4:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:67-79*

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

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

<sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup>as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

<sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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

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

### **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.**

### **Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn**            “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

LSB 345

1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!  
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!”

- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,  
 Let the earthbound soul arise;  
 Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,  
 Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,  
 Comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
 Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
 One and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory  
 And the world is wrapped in fear,  
 He will shield us with His mercy  
 And with words of love draw near.

**STAND** 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion  
 To the Father and the Son  
 With the ever-living Spirit  
 While eternal ages run!

**Sermon** "Wait Upon the Lord With Gratitude"

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

## † 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**

P 208

**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**

**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 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:

Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

“Once He Came in Blessing”

LSB 333

1 Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.

2 Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,

Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

#### Nunc Dimittis

P 211

**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

**P 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.**

## Benedicamus

P 212

- 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 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

LSB 341

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.

To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Michael Redeker	
<b>Organist</b>	David Fenske	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brielle Krizman, GG Ammon	8:00am
	Kenny Dimmick, Zoe Hill	10:30am
<b>Elders</b>	Ray Seeley, Victor Lozano	8:00am
	Billy Diaz	10:30am
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Buxman, Will Messenger	8:00am
	Jack Messenger	
	Dennis Phillips, Curtis Peterson	10:30am
	Cullen Bedford, Max Redeker	
<b>Greeters</b>	Lynn Jolley, Joyce & John Feliciano	10:30am
<b>Videographer</b>	Chris Hayes	8:00am

## Announcements December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**GIVING TREE-** Once again this year we have a giving tree with items to donate to needy families at Christmas time. The tree is 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.  
**Please return wrapped gifts with ornament attached to the church office by December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**BLESSING TO GLACIA AS SHE TAKES ON A NEW ROLE-** After 13 years of faithful service to God and Messiah, Glacia Peck is leaving her position as office administrator. She has blessed us in so many ways we can not thank her enough. Her final day in the office will be January 7<sup>th</sup>. Godspeed Glacia!

**THANK YOU** is not enough. There are no words to express my gratitude for Messiah. I have learned, I have grown, and I have been loved. I couldn't believe how wonderful our Godspeed celebration was. As I was packing, I came across card after card of Birthday wishes, seasons greetings, pastor appreciation, and even a few Thanksgiving cards!! Thank you for always being there for me and I hope I have been able to be there for you too. As Christians we know that our "good-byes" are not the end. You have God's work to do here—just as I have God's work to do there. So, until we meet again, Pastor Josh Schmidt

**LINENS VOLUNTEERS-** Volunteers are needed for linens. We will train. Come and help. Call Carolyn Baker 970-434-1524 if you have any questions.

**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.

**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 SERVICE** will be held on 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 Dec. 15. Special thanks to Mike Messenger, Messiah's Chief Cook, for heading up these suppers.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE ON DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

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

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

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** will be 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.**

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS-** To decorate our Lord's house on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we are asking you to share your beautiful poinsettias with your fellow Christians. Please bring your poinsettia to the office, with your name on the bottom by 2:00pm Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Your poinsettia will be available for pick up after service on Christmas Day.

**MONEY!** You keep hearing that the church needs a little more money to pay bills, have electricity, etc., but you are spread thin yourself. Could you help in some other way? YES!!! You could start using Scrip. What's that? Scrip means buying shopping cards or ecards to use at all your favorite stores, restaurants, and fast-food joints. Each "card" you buy gives the church a percentage of the cost of the card without you paying any extra. \$10 on the card is \$10 for you to use. Each store has a certain percentage that goes to the church and there are often specials where that percentage is more for a given period of time. You are going to spend the money anyway, why not help the church with your everyday purchases? **HOW DO I DO THIS?** Put the Shop with Scrip app on your phone or go to the website: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

Set up the church as the beneficiary of your % and start shopping. **Christmas** is coming and with Scrip you can buy and send ecards to people anywhere. You can even set the date for it to show up in their email. It doesn't get much easier than this!!! Please consider using Scrip (Raise Right) to help the church financially.

**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.

**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)

**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-** Who will be best blest by gifts from my estate someday? For most, attention turns first toward family. That can be a godly response, as God has given us great responsibility to teach and nurture and care within our families so that we know

Jesus. Yet family inheritance is not an obligation or entitlement; it is a gift of God's gifts to family. Spend time thinking about how those family gifts will bless family members. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS-** Philippians 4:5-6 - "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

**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.

**December Income-**

Week of Dec. 1-9	\$47,956.04
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$47,956.04
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
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Board of Christian Ed
	4:00pm	Jr. High Youth
	5:30pm	Sr. High Youth
	7:00pm	Church Council
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/School Kids Christmas Program
Thursday	1:00pm	Dorcas Circle-Library
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Bible Study
Friday	11:15am	Early Release for School
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Saturday	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion