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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
(February 20th, 2022)

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 THREE †

Greeting and announcements

Sharing of God's Peace

Opening Hymn "Christ is Our Cornerstone" LSB 912

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-13; antiphon: v. 8

- 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.
- ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- 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**
- ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Kyrie

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

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P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that
by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Genesis 45:3-15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his
brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came
near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And
now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here,
for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the
land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be
neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a
remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you
who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of
all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father
and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt.
Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and
you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and
your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for

there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.

⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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,

Lord's Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

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C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "Lord of Glory, You have bought us"

LSB 851

"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

LSB 634

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Thanksgiving

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

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
February 20th, 2021**

Preacher Rev. Mel Mertens
Organist Marilyn Smith
Acolyte William Diaz, Cal Diedrich
Elders Boyd Arnold, John O'Connor
Ushers Darrel Clark, Ed Morris, Sean Redeker, Arnold Boyd
Greeters Cyndi Haynes, Joyce Feliciano
Videographer

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00am	Facebook Live
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	12:00	3 rd Sunday Lunch
	1:00	3 rd Sunday service
Monday	-----	NO SCHOOL
	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	4:00pm	Junior Youth
	5:30PM	Boys basketball (away)
	5:30pm	Senior Youth
	6:00pm	Board of Evangelism
	7:00pm	Bible study - Lydia Circle, Jodi Sigle's home
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	8:30am	School Chapel
	9:30am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service/Communion
Thursday	10:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Leviticus
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	11:30am	7/8 grade Hot Lunch
	6:00pm	Girls basketball (away)
Saturday	-----	-----
Sunday	9:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live

To Avoid Double Booking, please see the office when planning your next meeting, event, etc.

GREETERS- There is a new signup sheet for February-April in the Narthex. Help be a welcoming smile to all members and visitors to Messiah. We would like to have two greeters each week. Please sign up for a month at a time. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet. Any questions please contact Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- We will once again be doing a fundraiser to add monies for our Scholarship Program. If you would like to donate, please write “scholarship” on the memo line on paper or online check. Thank you!

Spanish Teacher Needed for Next Year - We are looking for a Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. They will need to be able to work in the afternoons from 12:30 - 2:45. If you know of anyone, please let Karen Mead know. Thanks!

Recruiting for Messiah Lutheran School - It is word of mouth that brings in new students more than any other marketing tool. Please encourage families both inside and outside of our church to attend our school for an academically challenging Christian education. See our ad in Mesa Mall near Cabela’s.

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.

3rd SUNDAY SERVICE- Join us the 3rd Sunday of the month for our 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)

UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF: Every Tuesday, at 6:00pm, Mr. Scott Mauser hosts 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) 260-676.

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.

GIFT PLANNING- It is important to regularly review beneficiary designations of financial assets. Twenty years ago, you drafted a will or trust. Since then, you changed investment advisors and most of your assets are not invested as they were twenty years ago. In addition, their values have tripled. Is your plan for inheritance to family and gifts to ministry the same? Are your documents pointing to execution of your wishes? Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfn.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

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

THRIVENT CARDS- THANK YOU to those who donated! Soup Suppers are taken care of

- March 2nd - LWML
- March 9th and March 16th - National Youth Gathering
- March 23rd - LWML
- March 30th - Girls on The Run
- April 6th - Church Camp

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.

January Income-

Week of Feb. 9 th - 15th	\$15,641.59
Weekly need	\$20,411.00
Month to date	\$38,928.65
Monthly need	\$81,642.00

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PREGNANCY CENTER AND BIRTHRIGHT- Our baby supplies for assisting the Pregnancy Center and Birthright are low. In addition to disposable diapers, especially size 5, we are in need of safety items, such as baby thermometers, cabinet locks, covers for electrical outlets, night lights, etc. Baby shampoos, body washes, lotions, Vaseline, and diaper rash ointments are always welcome. Winter infant sleepers are also in need and would be very much appreciated. Thank you so much for your continued support.

POTATO BAR- for CMU students at the Four Winds Coffee Shop on Sunday, February 27th and Sunday, March 27th. Dinner will be served @6:00pm and if interested in helping serve, setup, cleanup or even donating, please contact Michelle Marie at shelliem27@live.com (preferred contact). Signup sheets are available now.

LET'S CONNECT CARDS- these are available at the coffee bar. Grab a card and connect with a friend or someone you just met! Jot down your information and invite them to church or to check out Messiah's website and what Messiah has to offer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Re:Member Church Directories is making new directories for us! A representative from their company will be contacting you to set up a time from 2:00pm-10:00pm on April 25-26 to take your pictures. Please answer your phone to talk to them. Their number is (336) 724-5482. Any questions see Beth Weber.

JUNIOR YOUTH IS BACK- Junior Youth is meeting again on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00. Chris Hayes is leading the group.

BURRITOS- Youth group is making burritos February 26th and is selling them for \$2/each or \$20 a dozen. Order sheets are available in the bulletin and in the office. Pick up is February 27th-28th. All proceeds will go to National Youth Gathering.

Christian Challenge:

Christian Challenge is a campus ministry whose goal is to prepare the way for the King on the CMU campus. We meet Thursday nights in Dominguez Hall, room 214, for dinner at 6:00pm, followed by Bible study/discussion. All college students and college age people are welcome! If you have any questions you can contact Chris Hayes!

Phone: (970)985-5660, email: cjhayes@mavs.colorado.edu

Mexico Mission Trip:

From March 19th to the 25th, Christian Challenge, a campus ministry group, is going on a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico to assist in the reconstruction of a Christian school where a fire did severe damage to its second floor. The trip costs \$350 per student and that cost covers food for the trip, travel, and materials needed for the project. The funds are needed by March 11th! Donations and prayers would be greatly appreciated to help these college students experience what mission work can be, as well as show the love of Christ to those affected by the fire!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUP SUPPERS- Beginning March 2nd @5:30

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunrise Easter Service 6:00am with Easter Breakfast to follow.
Easter Service 9:00am.