



"For He orders His Angels to protect  
you wherever you go. They will steady  
you with their hands to keep you from  
stumbling against the rocks on the road."

Psalm 91:11-12

"Preaching and teaching the truth to His expanding kingdom, reaching out to  
all!"

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First Sunday in Lent  
(March 6th, 2022)

## † DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE †

Greeting and announcements

Sharing of God's Peace

Opening Hymn "God Loved the World"

LSB 571 vv1-3

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 91:1-13; antiphon: v. 1*

- <sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—  
<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.
- <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.
- <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- 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>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Kyrie

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

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 10:8b-13*

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:1-13*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve."

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,"

<sup>11</sup>and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "God Loved the World" LSB 571 vv 4-6

Sermon "The Angels are Here. Focus on Jesus!" Psalm 91:9-12

Offertory P 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from  
me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free  
spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer P 196

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.

**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**

“A Mighty Fortress”

(REMAIN STANDING)

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The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
9:00 am, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker
Organist	Richard Scott
Acolyte	William Vrbas
Elders	Boyd Arnold, Victor Lozano
Ushers	Allen Weber, Ron Sawyer, Peter Chaney, Art Peterson
Greeters	Beth Weber
Videographer	Chris Hayes



### Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00am	Unity Sunday, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	11:30am	Potluck
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Parochial Ed
	5:30pm	Board of Finance
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Board of Christian Education
	4:00pm	Junior High Youth
	5:30pm	Senior High Youth
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	8:00am	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	8:30am	School Chapel
	9:30am	Wednesday Bible Class/Leviticus/Zoom
	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Lenten service/Communion
Thursday	10:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Leviticus
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	11:15am	½ day of school
	4:00pm	Boys Basketball (home)
	6:00pm	Parents Night Out - Gym
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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GREETERS-** There is a new signup sheet for March-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](mailto: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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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-** Life changes. So also, your gift plan as part of your estate plan needs to change as well. Years ago, you created a planned gift for ministry, to support a congregation you were a part of. Now, you have moved halfway across the country. That ministry no longer exists, yet your financial plans still point to support of it. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you identify the gifts found in your plan and assist you in considering whether they match your current wishes. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.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](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling 800-847-4836

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

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - LWML
- March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> - National Youth Gathering
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - LWML
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - Girls on The Run
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - 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.

#### **February Income-**

Week of Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$30,462.53
Weekly need	\$20,411.00
Month to date	\$83,897.16
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, March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

**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!

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#### **MEXICAN MISSION TRIP:**

From March 19th to the 25<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY SERVICE:** We are moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month @7:15 in the Multi-Purpose Room. This will be a small group Bible study with prayer and music. All are WELCOME!

We welcome "The Compassionate Friends" who are now using our building for their monthly meetings (first Tuesday of the month) in the Fellowship Hall. This group is for those who have suffered the loss of a child.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SOUP SUPPERS ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT**

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

**UPDATES TO ANY OF THE CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER LIST IS MUCH APPRECIATED. QUESTIONS, CONTACT OFFICE.**

## 1st Sunday in Lent

### Psalm 91:9-12



### **Spiritual Warfare: The Angels Are Here. Focus on Jesus!**

- What comes to mind when you read “Psalm 91:10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.”?
- The Christian believes that angels really do exist. Why is this good? What is the danger?
- When evil things happen to a person, especially a Christian, does that mean God is not there? Where is God in all of this?
- The devil used Psalm 91:11-12 in his temptation of Jesus. Why is Jesus’ victory over this temptation important for Christian today?