



LOVE ENEMIES & HATE FAMILY?

September 4, 2022

Discipleship.
We're supposed to love our enemies. Today, Jesus says we're supposed to hate our family? This seems backwards! So, what is Jesus saying to us, His disciples?

Preaching and Teaching the Truth to His Expanding Kingdom, Reaching Out to All!

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
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**13th Sunday After Pentecost
September 4, 2022**

Service of Prayer & Preaching

The Lord's Supper will not be celebrated this Sunday. Pastor Redeker needed to be out of town. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated Wednesday evening at the 6 pm service for those who desire Holy Communion this week.

Today's service is called *The Service of Prayer and Preaching*. It's a wonderful, meditative service that is in *The Lutheran Service Book*. It is a service that is designed to be lay led, reflecting on the 10 Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.

The sermon was written by Pastor Redeker.
Stand as you are able

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,

Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

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Opening Versicles

Common

LSB 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**

- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- C 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.**

Sit

Canticle: LSB 936

- 1 Sing praise to the God of Israel!
Sing praise for His visitation!
Redeeming His people from their sin,
Accomplishing their salvation,
Upraising a mighty horn within
The house of His servant David!

- 2 God spoke by the prophets long ago,
His promise on oath recalling—
To Abraham made in former years:
Of vanquishing foes appalling,
That those He delivered from their fears
Might gladly and truly serve Him.

- 3 You, child, will go on before the Lord
As prophet, His way preparing;
To speak on behalf of God Most High,
His counsel of truth declaring:
Rich mercy and grace for all whereby
Iniquity is forgiven.

- 4 O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us
In need of illumination;
Come scatter the shades of sin and death
And shatter their domination.
Be guiding our footsteps on the path
Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

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Readings From Holy Scripture

Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

L A reading from Deuteronomy, the thirtieth chapter.

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms, hymns, or choral music may be sung between the readings.

Psalms 1 Read/Prayed Responsively

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

**⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

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

Reading

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and
Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,
⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the
Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith
may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is
in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort
from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to
do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I,
Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to
you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.
¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you
and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I
would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve
me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I
preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness

might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter:

Reading

Luke 14:25–35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

- L This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You O' Christ.**

Responsory

Common

LSB 263

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Ten Commandments

- C **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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 **T** everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

Sit

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in

Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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Sermon *Discipleship: Love Your Enemies, But Hate Your Family?*

Stand as you are able

Offering: *An offering basket is available in the narthex. Envelopes are available there also for those who desire them.*

Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and
with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the
world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all
to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common
welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . [the family of Merle Seeley who passed away last week; Bob Renick, Rhonda Soriano's father; for Pastor Redeker's Dad, Pastor Bill Redeker, that healing would occur—Thy will be done] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . the DCE call committee as they continue a search. Grant patience to follow Your will; for those traveling this holiday weekend; for those who are unemployed or underemployed during this Labor Day weekend. . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

- L O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 267

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

Please be seated

921 On What Has Now Been Sown

- 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

- 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

- 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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The week of September 4, 2022

Preacher **Scott Mauser**
Organist **Richard Scott**
Acolytes **Wednesday** **Jackson Dowling**
 Sunday **Ken Dimmick,**
Elders **Sunday** **Peter Chaney, Duane Lofton**
Ushers **John Feliciano, Philip Wegner, Thad Noyes, Allen Weber**
Greeters **Joyce Feliciano, Beth Weber**
Videographer: **Chris Hayes**

Calendar for the Week of September 4, 2022

Sunday	9:00am 10:30am	WORSHIP, Facebook Live Bible Study
Monday	8:00am	Labor Day: No School
Tuesday	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Quilt Ladies- FH Elders Meeting Compassionate Friends
Wednesday	8:30am 9:30am 6:00pm	Chapel Bible Study- FH Church
Thursday	10:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Lynn's Bible Study- Library Bible Study- Zoom Handbells
Friday	7:30pm	Family Movie Night- Parking Lot Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	8:30am 9:00am	LWML Zone Rally LFCE Workshop- FH
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm	COMMUNION, WORSHIP, Facebook Live Bible Study Jr. Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 4, 2022

Prayer Partner Photos will be posted in the narthex on Sunday, September 4th. Please limit the number of prayer partners chosen to 2 per family.

Prayer Partner Lunch begins on the 3rd Friday in September. Mark your calendars for Sept. 16, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 17, April 21, and May 12. It's going to be a super year!

Scholarship Pledges Needed for 22/23 School Year will be **\$4,500 per month** August through May. An anonymous signup sheet will be on the top right side of the bulletin board in the narthex for donors to pledge an amount of their choice. Please use your offering envelopes marking Scholarship or a plain envelope. You may place it in the offering, mail or drop at the office. There will also be pledge cards to remind you of your monthly pledge. **Thank you for helping to provide a Christian Education for these students.**

Youth Group- Shalom!!! I hope you are all well! This announcement is to inform everyone that **youth group times are changing!** Beginning **September 11th, Jr. Youth will be every Sunday from 3pm-4pm & Senior Youth will be every Tuesday from 6pm-8pm.** These changes are happening to accommodate for extracurricular activities at schools, requests by parents to consolidate activities to Sundays, and to help me manage my own work & school life. I look forward to seeing you all around. If you have any questions or suggestions to help, make youth group more beneficial for our students, **please text me @ (970) 730-1348 or email me @ cjpowell48@gmail.com.** Blessings, **Chris Hayes** A Servant of Christ

Church/School Update!!! We have a calendar on our church website with events that will be happening at Messiah Lutheran Church/School. <http://www.messiahlutherangj.org/> **There is a publication** form that is located in the wooden rack outside the office door. The publication form now has **3 selections: bulletin, newsletter, and calendar!** If you need something added to any of these platforms, **please** fill out the publication form and have it turned in to the office by **Wednesday at 9AM!** Anything brought in after that will be added to the next week's bulletin. **Publication forms for the newsletter** are due by the **18th of each month.** **Thank you for your cooperation in helping things run smoothly!**

3rd Grade Bible Presentation- Every 3rd grader, public school, or Messiah, receives a Bible from the Sunday School Board. We invite all 3rd graders to church Sept. 11th to receive one during the church service.

AN AUTOMATIC HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DOOR on the east entrance of the church would bring to completion the new driveway project and make it truly HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. Church Council approved this project with an estimate of approximately \$4,600. If anyone would like to donate to this addition, please note on your giving envelope or let the office know. **Thank you**

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 8/24/2022 – 8/30/2022

Weekly Donations	\$13, 782.56
Weekly Need	\$21,060.00
Month to Date	\$80,531.79
Monthly Need	\$84,237.00

STILL ENROLLING FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR - We are continuing to take applications for this coming school year, preschool through eighth grade. Member's and non-member's children are welcome here at Messiah and we have an excellent Christian academic program. School began on August 10th. Please call the office for more information at **970-245-2838**.

Four Winds Student Dinners- Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec 11. The first dinner will be Hawaiian meatballs, salad, and garlic bread with ice cream and brownies for dessert. Need 4-hour commitment to set up, cook, deliver, and serve dinners. Contact **Michelle 970-589-6312**. **-We are still in need of 2+ servers** to help prepare a meal for 70 students. Starts at 4pm Sunday, 9-11-22 and ends at approximately 8pm.

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 2 easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling **800-847-4836**.

Trivent Financial Advisor: Introducing **Brandi Kroese**, MBA as the new Trivent Financial Advisor in Grand Junction. Her address is **1114 N. 1st Street, GJ**. Her phone number is **970-744-4629** and email is brandi.kroese@thrivent.com. Her information is also by the offering basket.

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 signup sheet. Thank you for your service!

LCMS FOUNDATION GIFT PLANNING MESSAGE: An entire estate gift plan is a testimony of life lived by faith in Jesus. Sometimes when we engage in the process of putting an estate together, we can get caught up in checking off so many details that we forget to pray, think, and discuss our goals and intentions, which are meant to focus on lives of faithful stewardship, caring for family, supporting ministry, and sharing Jesus as Savior with the world. Your estate plan can include a Christian preamble or family blessing with which you state your faith. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. **Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.**

Preschool Snack - The goal of \$1,400 and more has been met! Thank you to all who have donated. **Mrs. Ratiliff and Mrs. Schultz**

Craft Fair '2022' - Save the date for the Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Lunch, which will be Dec. 3rd, 2022. Also, all Crafters who would like to reserve a space, please send the registration form and check to the Messiah office. These spaces fill-up quickly, so reserve your space soon. **Thank you, Lois.**

Church Council Board Members - At the Simi-Annual Congregational Meeting in November, New Board Members will be voted in to serve on the Church Council. Messiah's 7 Boards are as follows: Elders, Evangelism, Parochial Education, Christian Education, Stewardship, Trustee and Finance. All Boards need new members. Please prayerfully consider serving on a board. If you would like more information regarding a specific board, please call the office and we will connect you with one of the Board Members.

Resurrection Workshop Save the Date:

Are you ready? Will your wishes be carried out? Will the settling of your estate be burdensome for your heirs? While nobody wants to think about death or incapacity, planning can help you protect yourself, your property, and your family. Give yourself and your loved ones the gift of peace of mind. Plan on attending the Resurrection Workshop on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 9am – 12pm here at the Church. Join us for talks on subjects including:

- Funeral Planning
- Advanced Health Care Directives
- Gift Planning
- Will/Trusts/Powers of Attorney
- Other End-of-Life Planning Topics

Mesa County Right to Life is hosting their annual banquet fundraiser on Friday, September 23rd at 6pm. Matt Britton from 40 days of life will be speaking about building a post-Roe Colorado. The Dinner and presentation will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tickets are \$20 or \$150 for a table of 8. Please contact **Letha Skoog** to purchase a ticket @ lethas@messiahlutherangj.org or text **563-424-0633**.

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am – 9:00am on radio station 1100AM/KNZZ. 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 off, **970-245-2838**.

PRAYER REQUESTS– *“But when you pray, go 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.”* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net