



THE SHEPHERD HEARS THE CRIES OF THE  
LOST & SCARED  
September 11, 2022

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life for the Sheep. Sins are forgiven. Yet, the sheep wander off into enemy territory vulnerable and afraid. Has this ever happened to you?

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

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah  
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501  
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The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 19)  
September 11, 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. If you would like to come up for a blessing, feel free to do so. Simply cross your arms over your chest to let the Pastor know you would like a blessing. Thank you.*

## Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

Opening Hymn: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

## 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
(*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*)  
C **Amen.**

### Exhortation

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8***

- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

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C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
*Psalm 130:3-4*

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.  
(*Luke 18:13*)

*Kneel/Stand*

#### Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

#### Absolution

*203*

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

Psalm Prayed/read responsively

Psalm

*Psalm 119:169-176*

TAW

<sup>169</sup>Let my cry come before you, O LORD;  
give me understanding according to your word!

- 170 Let my plea come before you;  
deliver me according to your word.**
- 171 My lips will pour forth praise,  
for you teach me your statutes.**
- 172 My tongue will sing of your word,  
for all your commandments are right.**
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your precepts.**
- 174 I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
and your law is my delight.**
- 175 Let my soul live and praise you,  
and let your just decrees help me.**
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.**

Kyrie

204

- C Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47***

Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14; John 1:29

204

- C 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;**

**Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

#### **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 34:11–24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of

Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Timothy 1:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in

Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Lord, I lift your name on high

Handbell Choir

### Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

*LSB 205*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse

*205*

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31***

Alleluia

*LSB 205*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1–10*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the

open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin credo, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.] (Us men means all people)*

### **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.**

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn: 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth**

**Sermon *It's The Surroundings—The Shepherd Hears the Cry of His Sheep*  
Psalm 119:176**

*Stand*

## Installation of a Lutheran School Teacher

*Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

P Beloved in the Lord, Letha Skoog been properly elected and called to serve as a teacher of The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah. This office has been established in love by the Church to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist and strengthen Christian fathers and mothers in their God-given responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord.

Hear the Word of God concerning this office.

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with

thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*The presiding minister addresses the teacher-elect:*

P Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

R *Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.*

P Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

R *Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.*

P Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

R *Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.*

P Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve God's people in the teaching ministry in accordance with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

R *Yes, I promise, with the help of God.*

P Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the confession and solemn promise of Letha, who has been called to the office of teacher in the Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive her, show her fitting love and honor, and support her by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C **We will, with the help of God.**

P The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

*The presiding minister asks each teacher-elect:*

P Are you ready and willing to assume the work of this office?

R *I am.*

*The presiding minister installs each teacher-elect, saying:*

P Letha Skoog, I install you as teacher of The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

P Let us pray.

Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank You for providing faithful men and women in Your Church to assist and support the Office of the Holy Ministry and its work among us. Grant Your

Holy Spirit to Letha, and adorn her with wisdom and power from on high. Incline both young and old to godliness and obedience, and let them so benefit by instruction in Your holy Word that they may serve You all their days and finally obtain eternal 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.**

P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C **Amen.**

## **Blessing and Distribution of Bibles for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

**Prayer of the Church            1Timothy 2:1-4**

### **Offering**

*A basket is located outside of the sanctuary doors. Envelopes are available if you would like one.*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

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**Preface            2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136**

*LSB 208*

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. ... 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 Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LSB 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!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
...  
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

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 Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]*

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*Words of Institution: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25*

### **Pax Domini John 20:19**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei John 1:29**

*LSB 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.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

**694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower**

**642 O Living Bread from Heaven**

**610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me**

*Stand as you are able*

### **Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32**

*LSB 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.

...

C **Amen.**

**Benedicamus (Psalm 103:1)**

*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction Numbers 6:24-26**

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**

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## The Week of September 11, 2022

**Preacher** Rev. Michael Redeker  
**Organist** David Fenske  
**Acolytes** Wednesday Jackson Dowling  
Sunday Ken Dimmick,  
**Elders** Sunday Boyd Arnold, Ray Seeley  
**Ushers** John Feliciano, Philip Wegner, Thad Noyes, Allen Weber  
**Greeters** Joyce Feliciano, Beth Weber  
**Videographer:** Chris Hayes

### Calendar for the Week of September 11, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00am 10:30am</b>	<b>COMMUNION, WORSHIP, Facebook Live Bible Study</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5:30Pm</b>	<b>Board of Finance Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am 7:00pm</b>	<b>Quilt Ladies- FH Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30am 5:00pm 6:00pm</b>	<b>Chapel Board of Christian Education Meeting Church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am 1:00pm 6:30pm</b>	<b>Lynn's Bible Study- Library Dorcas Circle-Library Handbells</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch Pastor's Day Off</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Adult Information Class</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm</b>	<b>COMMUNION, WORSHIP, Facebook Live Bible Study Jr. Youth Group</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 11, 2022

**\*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.**

**Pastor Redeker** is teaching an **Adult Information & New Member Class Saturday mornings Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am-12pm** in the Fellowship Hall. **New or current members**, this is a great opportunity for you to strengthen your faith through the study of His Word.

**Youth Group-** Shalom!!! I hope you are all well! This announcement is to inform everyone that **youth group times are changing!** Beginning **Today, Jr. Youth will meet every Sunday from 3pm-4pm & Senior Youth will be every Tuesday from 6pm-8pm.** These changes are happening to accommodate 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](mailto:cjpowell48@gmail.com).** Blessings, **Chris Hayes** A Servant of Christ

**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.

**Linda Messenger's Retirement** will be celebrated next Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> during the first part of Sunday School. Messiah appreciates her **28 years** of service! You are greatly missed. **God's Blessings on Retirement.**

**Acolyte Schedule:** You can access the September 2022-August 2023 schedule here: [tiny.cc/Messiahacolyte](http://tiny.cc/Messiahacolyte) Acolyte schedules are also **available** for pickup in the Narthex. **Contact Stephanie at 970-985-5757 with any questions.**

**Craft Fair '2022'** - Save the date for the Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Lunch, which will be Dec. 3rd, 2022. 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.**

## INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 8/31/2022 – 9/6/2022

<b>Weekly Donations</b>	<b>\$22,483.10</b>
<b>Weekly Need</b>	<b>\$21,060.00</b>
<b>Month to Date</b>	<b>\$22,483.10</b>
<b>Monthly Need</b>	<b>\$84,237.00</b>

**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 18<sup>th</sup>** of each month. **Thank you** for your cooperation in helping things run smoothly!

**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**

**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 Today and ends at approximately 8pm.

**Prayer Partner Photos** are posted in the narthex on the bulletin. Thank you for your support in praying for our school staff and children! Please limit the number of prayer partners chosen to 2 per family.

**Prayer Partner Lunch** begins on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**Prayer Partner Lunch Orders-** PRAYER PARTNERS if you would like to order lunch for yourselves, on the menu is **Chick-Fil-A:** crispy chicken sandwich, chips, and a cookie. The cost is **\$8** and needs to be turned into the office by **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

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

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

**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](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling **800-847-4836**.

**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. Creating inheritance for family is not a response to entitled transfer of wealth. It is intentional sharing of God's gifts with the next generation or two, praying those gifts will enable God's plans for those family members. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin thinking about this. **Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.**

**Mesa County Right to Life** is hosting their annual banquet fundraiser on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:weber4342@acsol.net)