



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

September 18, 2022

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah

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The 15th Sunday After Pentecost September 18, 2022

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace

Confession and Absolution

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.

Stand as you are able

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

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.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- 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. [*Hebrews 10:22*]
- 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.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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.**

Absolution

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- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 113

- ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
- ²**Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**
- ³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**4The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

**5Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,**

**6who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

**7He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

**8to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

**9He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother
of children. Praise the LORD!**

Kyrie

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. [Mark 10:27]**

Gloria in Excelsis

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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. [Luke 2:14; John 1:29]

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?”

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Alleluia

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C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise be to Thee, 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.]

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life τ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

847 Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

Sermon

Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

LSB 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.**

Offering: a basket is located outside of the sanctuary doors. Envelopes are available if you would like one.

Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**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

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[Matthew 26:26-38; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25]

Pax Domini [Latin for Peace of the Lord; John 20:19]

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei [John 1:29]

LSB 198

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.**

Sit

Distribution

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

730 What Is the World to Me

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Stand as you are able

Nunc Dimittis: [Latin for Now Dismiss—Song of Simeon; Luke 2:29-32]

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- 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 [Psalm 107:1]

LSB 200

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

Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.
... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Salutation

LSB 201

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction [Latin for God’s “Good Speak” to you]

LSB 202

- 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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen, amen, amen.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

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The week of September 18, 2022

Preacher Mel Mertens
Organist Richard Scott
Acolytes Wednesday Jackson Dowling
Sunday Ken Dimmick,
Elders Sunday Victor Lozano, Duane Lofton
Ushers John Feliciano, Philip Wegner, Thad Noyes, Allen Weber
Greeters Joyce Feliciano, Beth Weber
Videographer: Jeremy Skoog

Calendar for the Week of September 18, 2022

Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm	COMMUNION, WORSHIP, Facebook Live Linda's Retirement Celebration Jr. Youth Group
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Quilt Ladies- FH Ruth Circle-FH Sr. Youth Group Lydia Circle-Members Home
Wednesday	8:30am 6:00pm	Chapel Church
Thursday	10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Lynn's Bible Study- Library Volleyball Home Game-Gym Handbells
Friday	11:30am	Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	9:00am	Adult Information Class
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm	COMMUNION, WORSHIP, Facebook Live Bible Study Jr. Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 18, 2022

Bible Study Canceled- Wed. 9:30am Bible study, and Thurs. 6:30pm zoom Bible study will resume Wed. Sept. 21 & Thurs Sept. 22.

Linda Messenger's Retirement will be celebrated today Sept. 18th during the Sunday school hour. Messiah appreciates her **28 years** of service! You are greatly missed. **God's Blessings on your Retirement.**

Jog-A-Thon is COMING! PTA and the School are excited to team up once again for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! Date: **Friday Sept. 30 @ 12:30pm-2:30pm @ Stocker Stadium.** We need VOLUNTEERS for the following: walking classes to the track, at the track counting laps, snacks (cuties, halos, fruit, protein/snack bars). **All are welcome and encouraged to come cheer on students as they tally up those laps!!**

Church Council Board Members - At the Semi-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.

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.**

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.**

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- Mark your calendars for 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!

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 9/6/2022 – 9/13/2022

Weekly Donations	\$14,326.40
Weekly Need	\$21,060.00
Month to Date	\$36,809.50
Monthly Need	\$84,237.00

Pastor Redeker is teaching an Adult Information & New Member Class Saturday mornings **Sep. 24th, and Oct. 1st 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.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022, *1 Corinthians 12:12 – For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. All Parts of Christ’s Body (You!) come help celebrate and welcome New-to-Messiah Parts of His Body!* **Brunch Potluck** will happen immediately after the **9AM** service in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks are provided. Don’t be too busy to fellowship with one another and share a meal.

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**

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.**

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

Four Winds Student Dinners- The first dinner was a great success. Thank you to all who helped. The next dinners are Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec 11. We need volunteers for 4-hour commitment to set up, cook, deliver, and serve dinners. Contact **Michelle @ 970-589-6312**.

GREETERS- Thank you to all of you who have signed up to be greeters and to all future greeters. There are still Sundays available. Help be a welcoming smile to all members and visitors to Messiah. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet. Thank you for your service!

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. 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 Information- 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!

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.

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.**

LCMS FOUNDATION GIFT PLANNING MESSAGE: An entire estate gift plan is a testimony of life lived by faith in Jesus. Your plan will include gifts to specific ministries, your home congregation, or an organization with which you have been engaged. Rather than just creating discernments to every organization to which you may have given token contributions, you may be led to focus those gifts on a few ministries, especially supporting projects that are close to your heart. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you by asking questions to sharpen your focus. **Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.**

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 office, **970-245-2838.**

Upcoming Volleyball games: Sept. 22, home game, JVB 6pm JVA 7pm. **Sept. 30,** away game in **Montrose @ Crossroads Victory Church, JVB 6pm JVA 7pm.**

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