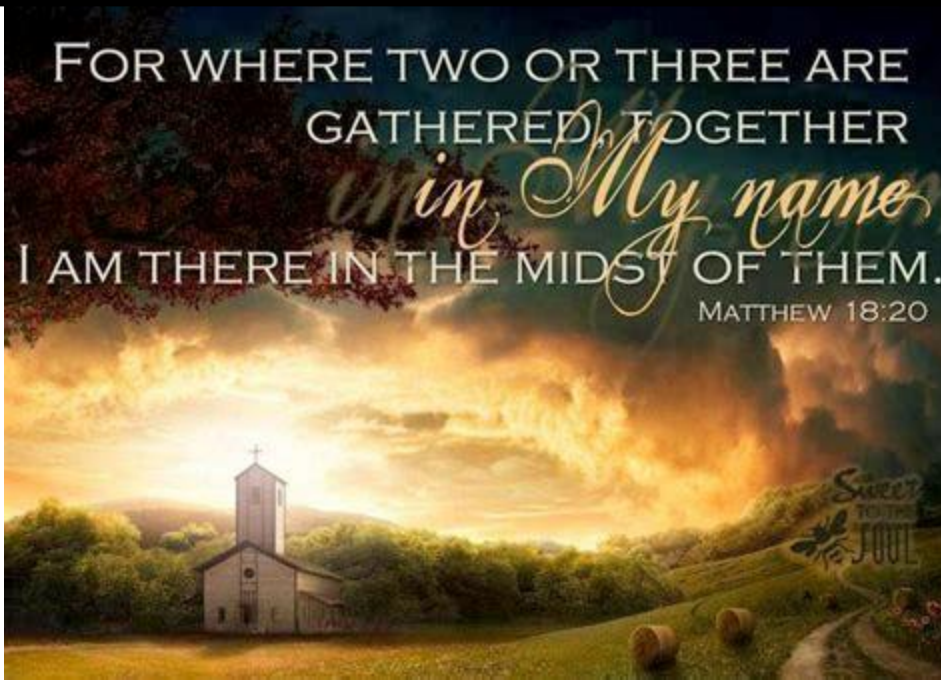


15th Sunday After Pentecost



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

September 10, 2023

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
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Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Holy Baptism

Aiden John Harshman; b. June 10, 2023, to Rachel Gilleece & Cameron Harshman

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

Stand

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

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R [Name]

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P [Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your T forehead and upon your T heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Name/s according to Your boundless mercy and bless him/her/them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him/her/them, which

has been inherited from Adam and which s/he has; they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that s/he; they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, s/he; they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve [name of candidate(s)] as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive

the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[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 pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

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.**

If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font.

Processional Hymn

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even T forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

Aiden, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

The Apostles' 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)

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Aiden, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Aiden John Harshman, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother and sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted [Name/s] the new birth in Holy Baptism and made

[him/her/them] *[a member / members]* of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *[an heir / heirs]* of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as *[he/she/they]* *[has/have]* now become Your *[child/children]*, You would keep *[him/her/them]* in *[his/her/their]* baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure *[he/she/they]* may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

One or more of the following collects may also be prayed.

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of this child entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture *[him/her]* that *[he/she]* may attain to the full stature intended for *[him/her]* in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father(s) and mother(s) of *[this child / these children]* and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace T be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the be- ginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47*

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

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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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

1Timothy 2:1-4

Sit

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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Stand

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. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

The Words of Our Lord

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

820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

605 Father Welcomes

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Stand

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.**

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The Week of September 10, 2023

Preacher: Rev. Michael Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: David Fenske

Acolytes: Ken Dimmick

Elders: Gary Anderson, John McDowell

Ushers: Dennis Phillips, Dean Hollatz, John O'Conner, Tom Moore

Greeters: Karen Mead

Calendar for the Week of September 10, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation Class- Library
	10:30am	Sunday School
Monday	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting- MPR
	5:30pm	Finance Meeting- Library
Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies- FH
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting- Library
	7:00pm	Council Meeting- FH
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	9:30am	Bible Study- FH
	6:00pm	Church, Communion
Thursday	6:30pm	Bible Study- Zoom
	6:30pm	Handbells
Friday	11:30am	Lunch Bunch- FH
	5:00pm	V-Ball Game- Home
	7:30pm	Movie in the parking lot
Saturday	9:00am	New Member Class- FH
	9:00am	Perseverance Bible Study- MPR

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 10, 2023

Bill Brodak- is having surgery early **September 12th** to have a tumor on his brain removed. Let's lift him and his loved ones up in prayer.

Prayer Partners- If you would like to order **Chick-Fil-A:** crispy chicken sandwich, chips, and a cookie for Lunch Bunch on **Sept. 15th**, the cost is **\$8**. There are order slips in the office that need to be turned in **by Sept. 13th**.

Sunday College Dinners- Messiah will be providing potato bar dinner for **CMU students** at the **Christ Center**. There will be a variety of dates throughout the school year. **October 1st** is our first service opportunity! We need **6 - 10 volunteers** to work onsite as well as plenty of donations for food. Cash donations for supplies are appreciated as well. Please see the **sign-up sheet** in the **Church Narthex** or use the **QR code** in the Narthex to sign up online or speak with **DCE Jonathan**. Onsite volunteers will be needed for about **5 hours, 3pm - 8pm** on **October 1st**. Food donations will be for about **80-100 students**. (You don't have to provide all the food. Group effort will reach the goal.) Non-perishable food is requested to be dropped off by the **Sunday** before the event, **September 24th**. ALREADY BAKED potatoes are requested to be dropped off at **Church by 3pm on October 1st**.

Adult Messiah Choir- If you like to SING and **SING FOR GOD**, Messiah Choir is the place for YOU! Our rehearsals begin Tuesday, **September 12th** from **7pm-8pm**. We meet in the **upstairs balcony**. We will sing God's Praises for Worship Services on the **2nd Sunday of each month** and for special celebration seasons. **Contact Dona Ramsey** at the Church if you have questions.

Sunday School- Begins TODAY, **September 10th!** All children in **6th grade and younger** are invited. Next week **September 17th at 10:30am** will be an **ice cream social** during the **Sunday School hour**. What a great way to start off the year! We are always looking for **additional volunteers**. Please contact **DCE Jonathan** if you would like to **serve God** by leading His children in Sunday School.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes- Don't forget to **take advantage** of back-to-school sales for your box! Boxes and more information will be coming in October.

Preschool Need- We need donations to make the **Preschool snack program** successful for the 23/24 school year. We provide snacks every day for **20 students**. We would love either monetary donations of any amount or sealed shelf stable items (i.e., **goldfish crackers, granola bars, apple juice, etc.**) If there is a snack product you could help us with, please let us know or **drop it off at the school**. Any donation is appreciated. **Thank you!**

Latte Challenge- to save the **Siberian Lutheran Seminary**. The Rocky Mountain District voted to donate **\$150,000** to this cause. Messiah's goal is **\$7,760** which is **\$12.50 per member**. Hence the Latte Challenge. Give up **3 lattes** and **donate** to this cause. <https://youtube/hZ29tCnEMzQ> is a link to a video on the Siberian Lutheran Seminary. **As of Aug. 31st, \$1,933.00 has been donated!**

Substitute Teachers- Messiah Lutheran School needs subs for **all grades**. If you are interested, please contact the **office**.

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 9/1/2023 – 9/5/2023

Weekly Donations \$15,613.68

Weekly Need \$21,278.00

Month to Date \$15,613.68

Monthly Need \$85,110.00

Life Chain: Stand & Pray- Join Us for the annual Life Chain located at **Lutheran Church & School of Messiah**. Each year Life Chains form across the country to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for life. Meet on **Oct. 1st** in the **East Parking Lot** at **3pm** to receive signs and directions. The Life Chain prayer will be along **12th and North Ave. until 4pm**. This event is sponsored by Mesa County Right to Life.

The Rocky Mountain District Conference in Breckenridge- is **Oct. 3rd-6th**. **Pastor Redeker** and **Principal Kaspar** will be attending **Oct. 3rd - 6th**. The **Teachers & DCE Jonathan** will attend **October 4th, 5th, & 6th**. This is a **non-budgeted** event; therefore, we need **\$3,950** of donations during **September**. This includes hotels, registration, 2 dinners, and 2 lunches. You may donate through **your special offering envelopes** or **bring monies to the office**. Thank you! **Messiah staff**.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Message- Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in the grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment. Every single day you go to work and earn money to prepare you for the grand privilege when someday you get to bless family and ministry with those gifts through inheritance. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you connect all the dots, seeing your life as connected. Contact **Jason Jones** at **Jason.Jones@lfnf.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

MESSIAH CHURCH FAMILY - We are excited to welcome back **82 students** and their families for another year of learning and growing! Thank you for being a constant support to our students and staff with your prayers. We would love for **EACH FAMILY** that attends Messiah to partner with us again this year and join us in our efforts of training these children in the way that they should go, according to the Lord.

Are you able to help us and be a Prayer Partner this year? Make sure you look to see all the children's faces on the **Narthex wall**. Take one or two, and PLEASE remember to **sign your name** next to theirs on their class list!

We are thrilled to offer our LUNCH BUNCH program again this year! If you are a Prayer Partner to **K-8th graders**, you WILL BE invited to come eat lunch with the children **once a month**, at our "Prayer Partner Lunch Bunch." Our first LUNCH BUNCH will be **Fri. Sept. 15th**, in the **Fellowship Hall**. The theme is **favorite sports team**. All you need to do is bring your own lunch or order Hot Lunch and sit with your Prayer Partner and chat with them. What wonderful examples you can be to our children! The children LOVE getting to know you!!! We thank you for supporting all of us and our students. May God bless you each richly as you prayerfully consider joining us as a Prayer Partner this school year!

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**.

The Jog-A-Thon- is Friday, September 22nd from 8am - 12pm at Stocker Stadium.

It is time for our annual Jog-a-Thon fundraiser!! **Will you consider sponsoring a student for the event??** Students are encouraged to run, walk, jog, or skip laps around the track to raise funds for our school. **Money raised will go toward funding new technology and updated curriculum for all grades.** YOU, our supporters, and sponsors, make it possible to keep our Students and Teaching staff equipped with the most relevant, up to date educational tools. **THANK YOU** for investing in our **Students** and **Teachers**. Let's LOVE GOD and LOVE PEOPLE together!!! All are welcome and encouraged to come cheer on the students as they tally up those laps!!

Messiah Merch is Back- To order your Messiah Merchandise please go to this link <https://messiahgear.bigcartel.com/>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the **office @ 970-245-2838.**

GIVING – No one has ever become poor by giving. **Giving liberates the soul of the giver,** you never walk away feeling bad. Not only does it **generate good feelings,** but it also **generates contentment.**

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.**

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@gmail.com

Messiah’s Prayer List

Continued health and healing for Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Dick & Lucy Clemmer, Stephen Hildebrand, Corrine Johnson, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Illona Rennels, Dorothy Reimers, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Wade Schultz, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, and Romaine Webb.

Fighting serious diseases for Elmer Ackermann, Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Dick Crinklaw, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Pamela Hensley, Corrine Johnson, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, and Diana Walche,

Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Carrie Lamgo, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Tom Moore, Walter Netzke, Leland Ottman, Amy Poulin, Loretta Siilata, Ted Skogen, and Sue Stepanek.

Home Hospice Care: Arla Franke
Called Home:

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Brian Carbone, Madison Lozano, Jessie Mello, Karen and James Moore, Nicholas Powell, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, & Eric Stahly.

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty and staff

Messiah Lutheran Church/School youth

Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students especially here at CMU.*

Missionaries: Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries:

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