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October 2, 2023

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The 21st Sunday After Pentecost

(October 22, 2023)

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

Stewardship Update Announcements

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

sts. 1–2

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19b; 18:20)
- C Amen.

Exhortation 203

- 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?
- 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*)

Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 5

C Amen.

Stand

Introit

Service of the Word

service of the word

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Kyrie 204

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

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

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; 207

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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, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

²"I will go before you

and level the exalted places,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I name you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though you do not know me,

⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men

we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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 Matthew 22:15–22

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to

pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

- 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.

Kids' Time https://parade.com/1025605/marynliles/trick-questions/

784 Take My Life and Let It Be

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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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.

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:

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling Please Rise as you are able on Verse 5

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 + give you peace.

C Amen.

Remain Standing for Final Hymn

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The Week of October 22, 2023

Preacher: Rev. Michael Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson Organist: Marilyn Smith Acolytes: Jasmine Salazar

Elders: Gary Anderson, John McDowell

Ushers: John Felciano, Jeff Vrbas, Matt Meyer, John Bruner

Greeters: Beth Weber, Carol Peterson

Calendar for the Week of October 22, 2023

Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Sunday Worship, Communion, Facebook Live Bible Study Battle Ready 7th/8th- Library Kids' Connection Sipping & Searching Men's Bible Study
Monday	3:15pm 6:00pm	Faculty Meeting- MPR Battle Ready 9th/10th- MPR
Tuesday	7:00am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study Quilt Ladies- FH Office Staff Meeting- Library Adult Choir
Wednesday	8:30am 9:30am 6:00pm	Chapel Bible Study- FH Church, Communion
Thursday	11:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Half Day of School Handbells Bible Study- Zoom
Friday		No School
Saturday	9:00am 3:30pm	Perseverance Bible Study- FH Trunk or Treat
Sunday	10:45am	Reformation Fellowship Lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 22, 2023

Trunk or Treat THIS SATURDAY- All are welcome to attend and participate in Trunk or Treat. Invite family, friends, and neighbors!
Saturday, October 28th 3:30pm - 6pm in the east parking lot. We are still in need of trunks and game operators. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Carl Nesbit if you would like to sign up. If you can't make it on Saturday, candy donations are welcome! Small toys, pencils and/or Christian trinkets make great giveaways too!

Sipping and Searching Men's Fellowship and Bible Study- Whether it is lemonade. La Croix. Pepsi, Scotch or Bourbon... we've got you covered (possibly). This is a Men's Bible study for later grade high schoolers to Octogenarians and beyond. It is a multigenerational study group that even contains the occasional unbeliever. This Bible Study has already started, so come when you can, each week varies depending on who will come. Drinks are always appropriate to age and gives everyone the opportunity to share their favorite beverage. This is also why we stress the sipping. We read, search, and discuss the scriptures book by book with a focus on understanding the historical context and apologetic approaches. The study is on Sunday nights at 6pm, with the study starting at **6:15pm** and ending around **7pm**. You can stay after to talk and fellowship, or head straight home. The study is hosted at the offices of Long Point Digital at 2478 Patterson Road Suite 14, Grand Junction, CO 81505. It is led by Scott **Mauser**. Please feel free to give him a call at 970-361-4995 with any questions.

Reformation Celebration Lunch- will be Sunday, Oct. 29th at 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited! Bible Study will be postponed until next week. Please bring a German salad or dessert. Brats, Hotdogs, Sauerkraut and Baked Beans are provided.

Sunday School is now Kids' Connection- We're growing! We had 10 children show up in September. Now we have 19 children at Kids' Connection! Let's keep it up! Invite friends, family, and neighbors to learn about God's love every Sunday at 10:30am! All youth 6th grade and younger are invited. We meet in the Extended Day room downstairs. Children split into groups from there. As we grow, we'll need more teachers as well. Please see DCE Jonathan, Amelia Everhart, Lois MacDonald, or Denae Nesbitt if you would like to help.

Sunday College Dinners- Messiah will continue providing dinner for CMU students at the Christ Center throughout the year. Our next date is December 10, 2023. We need 6 - 10 volunteers to work onsite as well as plenty of donations for food. Cash donations for supplies are appreciated as well. Keep watch for a sign-up sheet in the Church Narthex or speak with DCE Jonathan. If you're interested in being the point of contact for the CMU dinners, please let Jonathan know.

Thank you- for all the prayers, cards, and visits while mom was in hospice and after her passing. They were all truly appreciated. Yours in Christ, The Family of Virgina Saunders.

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 10/11/2023 – 10/17/2023 Weekly Donations \$17,713.44 Month to Date \$51,977.46 Weekly Need \$21,278.00 Monthly Need \$85,110.00

Battle Ready- Confirmation classes continue as we prepare God's youth for the world.

*9th/10th grade Battle Ready meets in the Multi-Purpose Room Monday evenings at 6pm.

*7th/8th grade Battle Ready meets in the Library on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

*5th/6th grade Battle Ready is a family-led study through an age-appropriate workbook and catechism. Please see DCE Jonathan if you have not received your workbook and catechism.

*4th grade Battle Ready - Keep watch for information from Pastor and DCE Jonathan for a seminar on vocation. What do you want to "be" when you grow up?

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. You can put your donation in the offering. As of Sept. 30th, \$1,933.00 has been donated! Thank you, Messiah!

LWML Mites- Mite boxes are used for the collection of money for missions. 25% of the mite offering is sent to International LMWL for mission projects. Mite Money is used to further God's Kingdom through the mission projects selected by delegates at district and international conventions. Place your mite box wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. There is also a mite box located in the Narthex if you would like to donate that way. You mite want to give your mite box to family members and friends.

Christmas Wreaths- November 12th at 10:30am, Messiah will have a fun Church family event. "Church family" is everyone! All ages, all people, Church & School. We'll be making Christmas wreaths. Please see Amelia Everhart and the sheet in the Narthex for a list of needed supplies. Even if you can't donate any supplies, you're still welcome to join. Please RSVP as well so we know how many supplies we need to get. What a great way to get to know the Church and School community!

Thrivent Cards- The office would like to keep a private list of Thrivent Card Holders. Since the cards can only be used every 6 months, we would record when they were used so we would not be asking you to use your card again during that 6-month period. Thank you, **Deb Fenske**

Lutheran Church Extension Fund - has an investment opportunity for you. There is an 18-month fixed rate term note at 5% interest, with a minimum of \$500.00. Please visit icef.org/invest or call 800-843-5233 for more information.

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner- is coming up on Nov. 23rd mark your calendars! further Details to follow.

Operation Christmas Child 2023

- *The Program began in 1993 by Franklin Graham. More info at samaritanspurse.org/occ.
- * A Gift box is just the beginning! It makes an opportunity to share the Gospel with children and their families!
- * It's time for you to think about filling a box with joy, love, and the Gospel!
- * Boxes are now available in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, and by the West Entrance. Return filled boxes by Friday, **November 10th**.
- * Instructions, label, and envelope for shipping cost (\$10) are inside the box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse. Cash is ok too.
- * Choose a boy or girl and age bracket. There is a need for more 10-14 age girl's and boy's boxes.
- * **Begin praying** for the child who will receive your box today...

What goes into the box is Fun~ What comes out is Eternal~

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Life is full of milestone events that impact the gifts we plan from our estates. When we begin nearing the age of retirement, our financial planner may begin advising about consolidating some investments, potentially rolling multiple qualified retirement plans into one IRA for ease of management. At this time, seeing the clear picture of God's things to manage in life, it is a good time to consider new support of ministry, or to confirm that past planned gifts for ministry are still in place as assets are changing. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. 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**

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, Lucy Clemmer, Stephen Hildebrand, Corrine Johnson, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, and Jeff Vagneur.

Fighting serious diseases for Sharon
Breshears, Bill Brodak, Dick Crinklaw,
Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty
Hannah, 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, Walter Netzke, Leland Ottman, Amy
Poulin, Loretta Siilata, Ted Skogen, and Sue
Stepanek.

Home Hospice Care: Faith Larsen **Called Home:**

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Brian Carbone, Madison Lozano, Jessie Mello, Karen and James Moore, 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:

Alan & Beth Weber (58)
Matt & Emily Currey (20)
Dennis & Sheri Phillips (48)
Mike & Mary Redeker (37)

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