

**TO ALL VETERANS
OF EVERY BRANCH**



**THANK YOU FOR PLACING
YOUR LIFE ON THE
LINE SO I MAY LIVE MINE**

RESPECTING OUR MILITARY PAST AND PRESENT

Just Showin' Up Doesn't Get The Job Done

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

November 12, 2023

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
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3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year
(November 12, 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

Announcements

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It vv 1, 3, 5

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,

And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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Holy Baptism

Levi George Lampe, born October 19, 2023

Parents: Brandon & Jenna Lampe

Sponsors: Jason and Meredith Fischer

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.**

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**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:

Name/s, 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 [Name], 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 [Name], 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 Peace T be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and
honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts,

blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where
she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Kyrie

204

**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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings,

I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Handbells: Thanksgiving Medley

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse

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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 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Kids' Time <http://www.luke2project.org/>

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

- 1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”

- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

- 3 Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone.

Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
 We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
 Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608
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Sermon *Just Showin' Up Doesn't Get The Job Done* Matthew 25:1-13

Stand

**Prayer of the Church 1Timothy 2:1-4
Prayers for Veterans' Day (From the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces)**

L: Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the Armed Forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave, and continue to give, their lives.

R: We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer

permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

L: We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

R: We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them in their needs.

L: Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples, that they would be kept in Your Name, filled with Joy and sanctified in Your Word of Truth.

R: Keep our chaplains in Your Name. Fill them with the joy that comes from knowing You have defeated sin and death. Sanctify their ministry in Your Word of Truth.

L: Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the Veterans Administration hospitals as they provide pastoral care to hurting and wounded veterans.

R: Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they

**seek the best treatments for
patients' suffering. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Sit

Offering & Offering Hymn

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

sts. 1–3

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

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Service of the Sacrament

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Stand

Preface **2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136**
P **The Lord be with you.**

LSB 208

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; 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

Choir

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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.**

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

sts. 1, 4

- 1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
“Come to the wedding feast.”
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!
- 4 In that fair home shall never
Be silent music’s voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising
With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising
The Giver of the feast.

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The Week of November 12, 2023

Preacher: Rev. Michael Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: Marilyn Smith

Acolytes: Oliver Messenger

Elders: John McDowell, Duane Lofton

Ushers: Otto Ratz, Josh Ammon, Paul Yutzzy, Wade Shultz

Greeters: Donna Bruns, Marsha Brodak

Calendar for the Week of November 12, 2023

Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Sunday Worship, Communion, Facebook Live Christmas/Advent Wreath Making Sipping & Searching Men's Bible Study
Monday	3:15pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	Faculty Meeting- MPR Finance Meeting- Library Battle Ready 9th/10th- MPR
Tuesday	7:00am 9:00am 9:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study Quilt Ladies- FH Office Staff Meeting- Library Ruth Circle- FH Council Meeting- FH Adult Choir
Wednesday	8:30am 9:30am 6:00pm	Chapel Bible Study- FH Church
Thursday	1:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Dorcas Circle- Library Handbells Bible Study- Zoom
Friday	11:30am	Lunch Bunch- Flannel Day
Saturday	9:00am 1:00pm	Perseverance Bible Study- MPR Virginia Saunders Funeral

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
OF November 12, 2023

Offering Bags- Are now located at the end of each back pew.

Memorial Service- For **Virginia Saunders** is Saturday, **November 18th** at **1pm** with a reception to follow at **Messiah** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Christmas/ Advent Wreaths- Today 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 **Advent wreaths**.

Prayer Partner Lunch- Order slips for Friday **Nov. 17th** are in the **office** if you would like to order lunch for yourselves, 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 **Nov. 15th**. Spirit Day is Flannel Day.

Thanksgiving Dinner- Thursday, **Nov. 23rd** at **1pm** Messiah will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for **CMU students** and **anyone who would like to join**. Please contact **Carolyn Gochee** or **DCE Jonathan** to RSVP or to sign up to bring something. We'll need all the usual Thanksgiving foods: turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, veggies.....and of course, dessert.

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting- is Sunday, **Nov. 19th** at **1:30pm** in the **Sanctuary**. New Church Council board members will be voted in. **Please prayerfully** consider running for a board position. Please refer to the insert for details

Operation Christmas Child- Thank you to all who were able to fill a box this year as well as those who contributed with shipping costs and prayers.

Christmas Wreaths & Garland- Please join us as we enjoy our time together preparing for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Friday, **December 1st** from **9am to 12pm** in the **Narthex**. We will be fluffing the wreaths and garland in preparation for the decorating group as they will work on Saturday, **December 2nd** at **9am**.

Christmas Decorating- of the **Church** will be Saturday, **December 2nd** at **9am**. All are welcome. There are a variety of jobs to do. **The more the merrier** and faster the job will be accomplished.

The Parade of Lights- Saturday, **December 2nd** on **Main Street**, Downtown Grand Junction. Messiah will have a float; **we would love to have you join us!**

Giving Tree- It is time to think about our **families** and **individuals** in need. We will be setting up a Giving Tree soon with **items to donate** to these families at **Christmas Time**. First, if you know of a **family in need**, please let the **office know**. The names are kept private. Once we have a name, we will assign it number and place an ornament on the Giving Tree. The tree will remain up until **Dec. 10th**. **Please prayerfully consider** helping these families to better enjoy their Christmas. All you need to do is **select an item from the tree, purchase the gift, wrap it, then bring it back to the church office by Dec. 13th**. If you have any questions, contact us at **970-245-2838**.

Sunday College Dinner - December 10th is our next service opportunity to provide dinner for CMU students at the **Christ Center**. **Pasta is on the menu!** Please see the sign-up sheet in the **Church Narthex**. Or speak with **DCE Jonathan**, if you can help with food or serving.

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 11/1/2023 – 11/7/2023

Weekly Donations \$20,813.72

Weekly Need \$21,278.00

Month to Date \$20,813.72

Monthly Need \$85,110.00

Ladies Annual Christmas Vespers- This year the **Christmas Matins** will be Saturday, **Dec. 2nd** at **11:30am**. Lunch will be served after devotions in the **Fellowship Hall**. There will be no nighttime driving and an opportunity for working ladies to attend. **All ladies** of the congregation are invited and **please bring a friend**. If you have any questions, call **Helen Bonner** at **970-241-3417**.

Messiah's Craft Fair- will be Sat., **Dec. 9th** from **9am to 3pm**. Be sure to reserve your **8'x3'** table for **\$50**. If you have any questions, please call **Lois** at **970-201-7338**. Drop off your registration form and payment at the **Church Office** or mail to **Lutheran Church and School of Messiah, 840 N 11th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501**.

The Youth Group- will host a **Cookie Walk** and **serve soup** for lunch at the **Messiah's Craft Fair**. A large variety of Homemade **Christmas Cookies** are needed to make this event a success. **We're Calling on anyone** who likes to bake. Please donate your favorite cookies. The cookies need to be at the **Church** by Friday, **December 8th** at **noon**. If you have questions, please contact **Stephanie** at **970-985-5757**.

Luke2Project - Messiah will continue to start **Christ-centered conversations** during the Christmas season. Wear your **Luke2 shirt** as you are out and about; "be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks" (**1 Peter 3:15**). Let the Holy Spirit do the rest. **Christmas worship invitations** are available in the **Narthex**. The **QR code** links to **luke2project.org/locations/**. Cards on the inside have Messiah's Christmas worship information.

Adult Choir- Love to Sing? Love to Fellowship? Love to have fun? Join us on Tuesdays at **7-8pm** on the balcony for **CHOIR rehearsal!** If you have any questions, contact **Dona Ramsey** in the office. **970-245-2838**

The Pregnancy Center - We have received some very nice second-hand baby clothing for The Pregnancy Center. These donations are always **very much appreciated**. Also, a special thank you to **whomever is knitting** the soft cuddly baby hats in such pretty pastel colors. They are being very well received by both **The Pregnancy Center and Birthright**. We have also received some monetary donations which are always welcome and appreciated. TPC's current needs are **size 4 and 5 diapers, 9-12 month new and used clothing, and new baby items for their Layettes** which are presented to all the newborns. The suggested Layette items would be **toys, blankets, outfits, etc.** For further information on The Pregnancy Center, please check out their current newsletter on the **bulletin on the shelf near the elevator**.

Food Pantry - A huge thank you for all the wonderful recent donations to the food pantry. It looks like we will be in good shape for a while.

Updated Greeter Sign-Up Sheet- is available on the **bulletin board** in the **Narthex**. PLEASE NOTE that it is not only for the East & West doors, but now includes **signing up for the welcome booth**. Being a greeter enables you to meet and greet new members, visitors, and renew old acquaintances. **Thank you for volunteering!**

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**

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- Learning to acknowledge God's blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts. It is easy to become depressed about disappointments in life, whether in relationships, career, health, etc. Yet Psalm 103 reminds us, "Bless the Lord O my soul and FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS." Blessings are anchored in the grace shown to us in Jesus. From His grace flow many other things. Counting those blessings will provide abundant joy in putting together an estate plan. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact **Jason Jones** at **Jason.Jones@lfn.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

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!**

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**.

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.

A Remarkable Investment with a Higher Purpose- For LCMS Members: This offer is designed exclusively for LCMS congregations, schools, organizations, and individuals like you. **2½ Year Fixed-Rate Term Note:** Secure a steady 6.25% rate of return over the next 2½ years. It's a solid choice for those looking to grow their investments.

New Money Only: There is exciting activity across the LCMS, and the demand for LCEF loans is stronger than ever—thanks be to God! Your new investment of a minimum of \$500 enables us to support this growth.

Flexible Options: You can even invest in this note as an individual retirement account (IRA), making it accessible and versatile.

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, Barb Moore, 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:

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:

Stephen & Barbara Hildebrand (31)

Mark & Debbie Fenske (32)

Arliss & Lowell Bridgett (37)

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