



THE 2ND LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah

840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
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Announcements

Confession and Absolution

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. If you would like to come up for a blessing, feel free to do so. Simply cross your arms over your chest to let the Pastor know you would like a blessing. Thank you.

Stand as you are able

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

sts. 1-3

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

- 3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling

What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

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

Holy Baptism

Piper Marlene Bonnell, born November 2, 2023

Parents: Matthew & Kasi Bonnell

Sponsors: Cody & Jayme Bonnell

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 + 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

Psalms 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

**I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**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.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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

P **Glory be to God on high:
C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Luke
2:14; John 1:29]**

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

P **Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great
and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the
works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰“On that day,” declares the LORD,

“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,

‘The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.’

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.”

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

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

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

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with

the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sit

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

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sts. 4–7

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,

With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon

Votum

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

C **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

LSB 192

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy
Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with
Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer [Matthew 6:9-13]

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**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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The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei [John 1:29]

LSB 198

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Sit

Distribution

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Stand as you are able

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

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according
to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast
prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving [Psalm 107:1]

LSB 200

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

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

...

C **Amen.**

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction [Latin for God's "Good Speak" to you]

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

921 On What Has Now Been Sown

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The Week of November 19, 2023

Preacher: Rev. Michael Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: Marilyn Smith

Acolytes: Oliver Messenger

Elders: Ray Seeley, Don Olbert

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

Greeters: Donna Bruns, Marsha Brodak

Calendar for the Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Kids Connection
	10:30am	Battle Ready 7/8- Library
	6:00pm	Sipping & Searching Men's Bible Study
Monday		NO SCHOOL
	4:00pm	Stewardship Meeting- Library
	5:30pm	Christian Ed- Library
	6:00pm	Battle Ready 9th/10th- MPR
Tuesday		NO SCHOOL
	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies- FH
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting- Library
	7:00pm	Lydia Circle- Members Home
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday		NO SCHOOL
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Church, Communion
Thursday		NO SCHOOL
	1:00pm	Messiah Thanksgiving Dinner
Friday		NO SCHOOL
Saturday		

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
OF November 19, 2023**

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!** We will be working on the float at **2pm: Prade** starts at **5pm**.

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**.

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!

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**.

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**.

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: 11/8/2023 – 11/15/2023

Weekly Donations \$ 30,382.61

Weekly Need \$21,278.00

Month to Date \$ 51,196.33

Monthly Need \$85,110.00

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/**. The inside of the cards has 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**

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 to 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!**

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**.

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.

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**.

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.

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, 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: Corrine Johnson

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:

David & Amy Riese (45)

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