



**NO MIDDLE GROUND: Only 2 Spirits: Christ & Antichrist 1 John 4**

April 28, 2024

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
(April 28, 2024)

*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

### Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

### 907 God Himself Is Present

### 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 T 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 150*

**<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!**

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!

**<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds;**  
**praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

**<sup>3</sup>Praise him with trumpet sound;**  
praise him with lute and harp!

**<sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambourine and dance;**  
**praise him with strings and pipe!**

**<sup>5</sup>Praise him with sounding cymbals;**  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**<sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!**  
**Praise the LORD!**

### Kyrie

*204*

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

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

*204*

**C 1 To God on high be glory**  
**And peace to all the earth;**

**Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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*

## First Reading

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

<sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 John 4:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming

and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Handbells Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** arr. Wagner  
*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**Alleluia**

*LSB 205*

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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***John 15:1–8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

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 Creational 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.**

*Sit*

## **Kids' Time**

### **474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

*sts. 1, ref, 2, 5*

1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
    Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
    Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
    Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
    Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
    Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
    Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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**Sermon NO MIDDLE GROUND: Only 2 Spirits—Antichrist or Christ**  
*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**      **1 Timothy 2:1-4**  
*Sit*

**Offering**

**786 Lord of All Good**      *sts. 1–2*

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
    Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
    That our whole life is offered to Your will.

2 We give our minds to understand Your ways;  
    Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;  
Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze—  
    Thus for Your glory all our pow’rs combine.

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**Service of the Sacrament**

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*Stand*

**Preface**      **2 Timothy 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.**

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

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 Hymns**

*Handbells: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* arr. Picardy/McChesney

**623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

*Please Stand as You Are Able for final verse*

### **571 God Loved the World So That He Gave**

*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.**

### **807 When Morning Gilds the Skies**

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**Elders:** Matt Bonnell, Don Olbert  
**Ushers:** Bill Buxman, Dave Gruner  
Corwin Miller, John O'Connor  
**Greeters:** Carol Peterson NEED VOLUNTEERS

**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](mailto:weber4342@gmail.com)

## Messiah's Prayer List

**Continued health and healing:** *Art Arendall, Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, Carol Haller, Stephen Hildebrand, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, Gary.*

**Fighting serious diseases:** Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, Diana Walche

**Continue to fight cancer:** Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Lela Ottman, Amy Poulin, Loretta Siilata, Skogen, 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 & staff**

**Messiah Lutheran Church/School -Dan Schield 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class**

**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 Birthdays:**

**4/28-** Chakotah Kaus

**4/30-** Adryanna Altenbern

**5/1-** Doug Johnson, Morgan Pina  
Heather Anderson, Amy Riese

**5/2-** Sierra Simmons

**5/3-** Alana Klein

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:**

*Wade & Crystal Schultz (16)*

*Mark & Barbra Monett (40)*

**CALENDAR FOR THE Week of April  
28, 2024**

Sunday	9:00am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study - FH
	10:30am	Battle Ready 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> - Library
	10:30am	Kids Connection - Ext Day
	10:30am	Young Adult Bible Study - MPR
	11:30am	Strategic Planning Committee
	6:00pm	Sipping/Searchng Men's Bible Study
Monday	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting- MPR
	6:00pm	Battle Ready 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> - MPR
Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Bible Study- FH
	9:00am	Quilting Ladies- FH
	9:00am	Office Staff Meeting- Library
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	9:30am	Bible Study- FH
	1:00pm	Safety Meeting- Library
	6:00pm	Church
Thursday	10:00am	Evangelism Meeting- Library
	12:00pm	Parochial Ed. Meeting- Library
	6:00pm	Messiah's Got Talent- GYM
Friday		
Saturday	9:00am	Women's Bible Study- MPR
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April  
28, 2024**

**INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: April 17<sup>th</sup> thru  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Weekly Donations \$11,654.84	Month to Date
<b>\$86,251.71</b>	
Weekly Need \$21,278.00	Monthly Need
<b>\$85,112.00</b>	

**Prayer Ministry**- Messiah needs volunteers to continue the worthy prayer ministry for Messiah Lutheran Church & School. **Please contact the church office** if you are interested. Beth Weber has turned over the lists of our Prayer Ministers to the office and is willing to help transition to the next person. **Thank you for your willingness** to serve in this capacity as an important ministry of our church.

**Help Needed**- We need volunteers to help with **Messiah's Got Talent** Set-up. We will set up the stage, risers, instruments, and chairs on Sunday, **TODAY** at **10:30am**. Please meet **Dona Ramsey** in the **GYM**. **Thank you!** MGT will be **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **6pm** please come join us!

**Detectives Needed (Columbo Wannabes)**- Messiah School is beginning an **Alumni Association** of our graduates from over the last **42+** years. We have a partial list assembled because of the efforts of **Arliss Bridgett and Beth Weber**. **We need volunteers** 1) to track down the rest of the graduates; 2) get their contact information via social media or wherever. If you're interested in this detective endeavor, please **contact the office or Pastor Redeker**.

**Vacation Bible School - Register Now**- Messiah's VBS will be **June 10 - 14, 2024**. VBS is for ages **3 through this year's 5th graders**. Volunteers of **7th graders through adults** are invited to register to serve! Register your child to attend or yourself as a volunteer by visiting <https://www.myvbs.org/mlgj2024>. We also need plenty of supply donations! Keep watch for a supply list to be posted in the **Narthex**. Please contact **Amelia Everhart or Lois MacDonald** with any questions.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**- We need a **group of volunteers** to canvas the **neighborhood with fliers**. We'll be walking door to door, greeting our neighbors, inviting children to **VBS** and asking if there are any **prayer requests**. You may sign up for this opportunity through <https://www.myvbs.org/mlgj2024> or contact **Amelia or Lois**. **National Youth Gathering** - All current **7th graders through 25-year-olds** and **parents** are invited to an **information meeting** about the National Youth Gathering. **May 5<sup>th</sup>** after Bible study

(**11:30am-ish**) or **May 8th** after school (**3pm-ish**). Find out what the National Youth Gathering is all about; find out how we'll pay for it (fundraisers); and find out Who Dat!? Please see **DCE Jonathan** for more information. The National Youth Gathering will take place **July 19 - 23, 2025** (14 months away).

**Parking Lot Fundraisers**- The month of **May** will be a busy month for Lincoln Park. There are high school and college graduations, and don't forget JUCO! What a great **opportunity to fundraise** for the church, the school, youth events, family camp or any other ministry that would like to earn funds. We'll be in the parking lot asking for donations from people who park in Messiah's parking lot. Please contact the **DCE Jonathan** to sign up for this fundraiser. **Dates TBD** the weeks will be **May 13th & 27th**. This is also a great opportunity to **meet/greet the community**, let them know we have a **PS-8th grade Christian school** and, most importantly, **proclaim the Gospel!** We'll also need a handful of people to block off the parking lot on **Sunday morning, May 26th**, so congregation members will have a place to park during worship.

**Saturday Morning Basketball**- All are welcome to join a pickup game in the gym each **Saturday at 6:30am**. Highschool-ish age and older. We play for fun and exercise. Contact **Joe Diedrich** to be added to the text thread (in case we need to postpone) or just show up! **303-526-6037**.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**- We will continue our study in the book of Romans Chapter 12 at **7am**.

**The Ladies Guild**- A **sincere thank you** to everyone for all the support for the mission projects through the **Bakeless Bake Sale**. We are still accepting donations through the end of **April**.

**Rib City BBQ & Ribs**- Earn while you eat! Rib City **donates 5% of your food bill**, at all three locations, all year long! Ask your server about **Show Us Your Colors**. They will stamp your receipt. Bring that receipt to the **office**, & Messiah gets 5%!

**Thrivent Cards**- The office is keeping a **private list** of Thrivent Card Holders to be used for events at the Church & School. Since

the cards can be used **twice a year**, we would record when they were used so we would not be asking you to use your card again. Thank you, **Deb Fenske**.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars- Thank you**, Messiah has received many of the choice dollars. **Please** keep us in mind for the future. You have 2 easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling **800-847-4836**.

**Raise Right**- Physical or digital gift cards that you may use or give to someone else. This is an **ongoing fundraiser that benefits the church and school**. The company donates a portion of the purchase. See the booth in the Narthex, speak with **Lisa Moore or DCE Jonathan** or visit <https://www.raiseright.com/>, click on sign up and enter code **59FDEBF565842**.

**Latte Challenge- \$2,349.00** has been donated! **Thank you, Messiah!**

**LCMS Foundation Gift Planning**- Gift Planning creates solutions for donors. A good plan can help to navigate challenging family dynamics. Sometimes there are family conversations that seem too awkward to have. The result is that they never happen. This is often true when parents put together a gift plan in their estate, with inheritance gifts for family and ministry gifts that will support the sharing of Jesus in generations to come through the Church. It is wise to communicate these plans to family now, so that in the future, if family members become involved in helping to manage your estate, they know how to respect your wishes. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you by facilitating those family conversations. Contact **Jason Jones** at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto: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**