

June 23, 2024



Decoding God Psalm 24:1

*Preaching and teaching the
truth to*

*His expanding kingdom,
reaching
out to all!*

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-245-2838**

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
(June 23, 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

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

907 God Himself Is Present

Blessing of Large Print Hymnals for Use in the Church

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

P Dearly beloved, the Lord God by His Holy Spirit has caused all Scripture to be “written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Such learning takes place when we hear “the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

It is fitting that these hymnals be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for use in the services of our Lord.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless these hymnals. Enlighten the

hearts and minds of those who worship from them, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from them that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these hymnals for use in His holy Church.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Exhortation

203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8***

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4***

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ,

and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 124

¹If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—

let Israel now say—

²if it had not been the LORD who was on our side

when people rose up against us,

³**then they would have swallowed us up alive,**

when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴**then the flood would have swept us away,**

the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵**then over us would have gone**

the raging waters.

⁶Blessèd be the LORD,

who has not given us

as prey to their teeth!

⁷**We have escaped like a bird**

from the snare of the fowlers;

the snare is broken,

and we have escaped!

⁸**Our help is in the name of the LORD,**

who made heaven and earth.

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.

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:1–11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
 Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
 or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷when the morning stars sang together
 and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
 when it burst out from the womb,
⁹when I made clouds its garment
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
 and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
 and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse

205

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31***

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin credo, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.] (Us men means all people)

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Sermon Decoding God

Psalm 124:1a

Stand

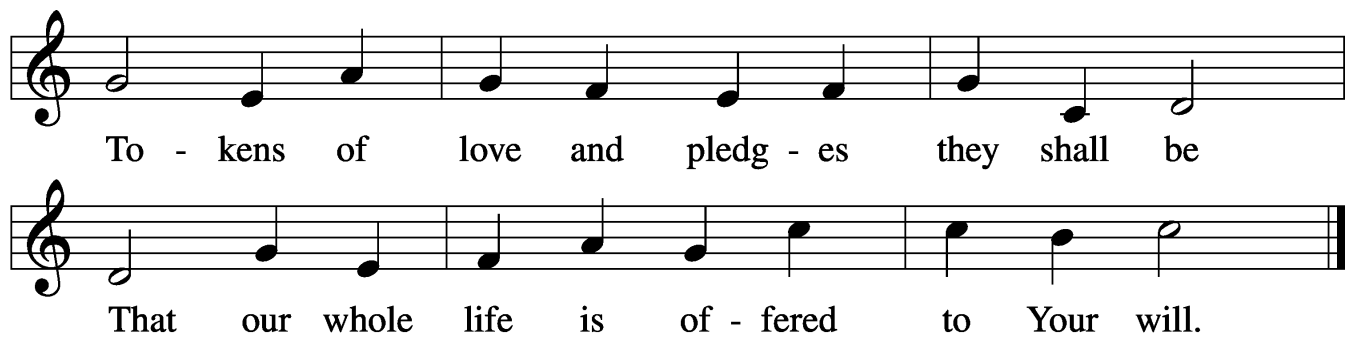
Offering

786 Lord of All Good

st. 1

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a common time signature, continuing the melody with quarter and eighth notes, including a sharp sign (#) on the final note. The lyrics are written below the notes, with the first line of lyrics aligned under the first staff and the second line under the second staff.



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-84, alt.
Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595-1662
Text: © Oxford University Press. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000694
Tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Church 1Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

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

Preface 2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136 *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had
mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in
Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

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

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

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory**

forever and ever. Amen.

[The Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]

The Words of Our Lord

Words of Institution: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

642 O Living Bread from Heaven

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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.

715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: Richard Scott

Acolytes: NEED VOLUNTEERS

Elders: Victor Lozano, Ray Seeley

Ushers: Jay Johnson, Korrey Klein

Eric Skoog, Ron Sawyer

Greeters: Doneen Sawyer, 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

admin@mlgj.org & sec@mlgj.org

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, *Tom Moore*, 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, *Arthur Kluegel*, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Lela Ottman, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers*, Loretta Siilata, Skogen, *Nickie Wilke*.

Home Hospice Care:

Called Home:

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

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff

Messiah Lutheran Church/School

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:

23rd - Sarah Messenger

24th - Marion Amos

25th - Don Pacini, Aiden Wickam

26th - John Kroft

27th - Austin Klein

30th - Jan Weich, Jacob Wickam

Wedding Anniversaries:

Leland & Arlene Ottman (70)

Neal & Candy Kaspar (55)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of June 23, 2024

Sunday	9:00am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study
	6:00pm	Sipping/Searching Men's Bible Study

Monday

Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting Ladies- FH
	9:00am	Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday	6:00pm	Church
-----------	--------	--------

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	9:00am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study
	6:00pm	Sipping/Searching Men's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 23, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: June 13th thru June 20th

Weekly Donations \$12,737.60	Month to Date \$46,619.30
------------------------------	---------------------------

Weekly Need \$21,278.00	Monthly Need \$85,112.00
-------------------------	--------------------------

Our New Principal- Sue Eberhard, will arrive in Grand Junction around July 1st. We are seeking donations for her moving expenses. Please mark on your envelope or in the description on the Online Giving Portal. Thank you!

Summer Office Hours – Are Tue-Fri. from 9am-3pm. Please ring the doorbell because our doors will always remain locked. Call the church at 970-245-2838 if you would like to make an appointment outside of office hours. Thank you! Office Staff.

Watermelon Feed- Messiah is going to hand out watermelon to neighbors and passersby on July 4th. We are looking for a point person to head up the watermelon feed. We will also need volunteers throughout the day: people with trucks to pick up the watermelon in the morning; people with kiddie pools to put the watermelon in; empty milk jugs to be filled with water to create ice (or bags of ice); people to cut the watermelon and people to hand out the watermelon. Plan on handing out watermelon around 3pm/4pm, prep volunteers will be needed around 2pm. Watermelon will be handed out throughout the evening until the fireworks begin at Stoker Stadium around 9pm/10pm. Please contact DCE Jonathan if you are interested in being the point person and/or volunteering.

Ladies of Messiah- Annual Potluck Picnic is July 13th 11:30-2 at Long's Park at the Mount Garfield Shelter (off Patterson, east of 31 Road). Children are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Emilie Olbert 970-523-1106

Vacation Bible School- Thank you for your donations and to all the volunteers who helped the children Follow Jesus! We had a great week serving over 40 children.

LWML 2024- Bakeless Bake Sale has donated LARGE PRINT Hymnals that are available for use during service. They are located on the shelf in the Narthex, please return them to the same location when you're finished using them, thank you.

Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy Center- Thank you to everyone who turned in baby bottles with change, cash and checks for the Pregnancy Center. Your support helps women and men who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy. IF YOU FORGOT TO TURN IN YOUR BABY BOTTLE, feel free to bring it to church or drop it off directly at the Pregnancy Center. It's never too late to give. The Pregnancy Center also donated greeting cards as a thank you for all the donations we gave them. Feel free to take some greeting cards that are available in the Narthex.

Meat the Freshmen- Thursday, August 22nd from 5pm to 7pm on the CMU campus. Meat the Freshmen is a free dinner for all CMU students. If you are a CMU student or know a CMU student, please spread the word. All are invited! CHURCH MEMBERS: Volunteers are needed to help serve. Around 1000 steaks and many side dishes will be served. Most of the food has been coordinated already, however, if you would like to make a donation to help offset other costs, please contact DCE Jonathan dce@mlgj.org.

Soul Shop- Messiah will be hosting a suicide prevention seminar on September 26th. All are welcome. We are in need of lunch volunteers. Soup and salad, sandwiches, pizza, anything you think you could provide. It could be catering as well if you don't like to cook. We just need a group of people to coordinate lunch. Contact DCE Jonathan for more information.

The 2024 Yard Sale - is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 25, 26 and 27. Yard Sale set-up begins Monday, July 8th. We are accepting donations. Place your items in the South/West corner of the GYM. Please note, if you have heavy items or lots of items, please use the handicap drive through and the elevator. The office cannot help unload. If you need help call the office and we will try to arrange for help.

Prayer Chain Ministry- Please note that Beth has stepped down. The office staff has taken over this Ministry. If you have a prayer request, please send an email to admin@mlgj.org & sec@mlgj.org or call the office.

JOB POSTINGS- Messiah is looking for the right candidate to fill: Extended Day position. The hours for this job are from 3pm to 6pm each school day. Students K-8th grade attend. 1st/2nd Grade Teacher Aid for the morning hours. Please contact the office for more information.

Thrivent- We need names of people willing to use their Thrivent accounts to apply for start-up money for a variety of events at the church and school. The money we receive comes from Thrivent, not your account. The office will assist you with this process. Thank you.

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%!

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.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- Planning a gift for ministry from your estate can generate concern about whether that ministry will be still in existence when the Lord calls you home. Gift planning offers solutions to these concerns. You can create a personal endowment fund that will make an annual gift to your favorite ministry. With the LCMS Foundation, provisions will be included in that endowment, directing the LCMS Foundation to direct ministry gifts to a parallel ministry if your first choice no longer exists. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Messiah's Radio Ministry-Sunday mornings at 8:30am – 9:00am on radio station 1100AM/KNZZ. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at 9:00am