

8/25/2024

## What NOT To Wear

Ephesians 5:25b-27 & Psalm 14:1



*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**

**The 14th Sunday After Pentecost  
(August 25, 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)**

**904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

**Confession and Absolution**

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

**Invocation**

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

C **Amen.**

**Exhortation**

203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.  
Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our

heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

*Kneel/Stand*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

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

## Absolution

*203*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 14*

<sup>1</sup>The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,  
there is none who does good.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God.**

<sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good,  
not even one.

**<sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?**

<sup>5</sup>There they are in great terror,  
for God is with the generation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>You would shame the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is his refuge.

**<sup>7</sup>Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**

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

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

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 and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 29:11-19*

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
while their hearts are far from me,  
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

<sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again  
do wonderful things with this people,  
with wonder upon wonder;

and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

<sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,  
whose deeds are in the dark,  
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

<sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down!  
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,  
that the thing made should say of its maker,  
“He did not make me”;  
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,  
“He has no understanding”?

<sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while  
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.

<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

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

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:22–33*

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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.**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

<sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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**

### **563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness** *sts. 1–3, 6*

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
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## **Offering**

### **524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

*sts. 1, 6*

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.
  
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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

## **Service of the Sacrament**

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*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:

## Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 *LSB 208*

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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

## Lord's Prayer      Matthew 6:9-13

**C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

## **The Words of Our Lord**

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

### **Pax Domini John 20:19**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

### **Agnus Dei John 1:29**

*LSB 210*

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

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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

**616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me  
619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior  
620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

*Stand*

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'ly 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.**  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

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*Offering Option: Scan*



**Preacher:** Rev. Mike Redeker

**DCE:** Jonathan Peterson

**Organist:** Marilyn Smith

**Acolytes:** Jasmine Salazar, Sawyer Hiron

**Elders:** Gary Anderson, Ray Seeley

**Ushers:** Dave Gruner, Daniel Bonnell

John McDowell, Dennis Phillips

**Greeters:** Donna Bruns, 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

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## Messiah's Prayer List

**Continued health and healing:** Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, *John Feliciano, 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 Walcher.

**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:** Arlene Ottman

**Called Home:**

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

**Messiah Lutheran members**

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**Mavericks of Messiah:** *Continue to pray for the college students.*

**Missionaries:** Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

**Celebrating Birthdays:**

**8/25- Deborah Peterson,**

**8/27- Jeremy Skoog, Gianna Soriano**

**8/28- Glacia Peck**

**8/31- Bob Fenske, Alice Miller**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

**Darrel & Darlene Clark (70)**

**Jack & Linda Messenger (43)**

**Scott & Lisa Mauser (27)**

## CALENDAR FOR THE Week of August 25, 2024

**Sunday**      9:00am      **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**  
                  10:30am      **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**

### **Monday**

**Tuesday**      9:00am      **Quilt ladies- FH**

**Wednesday**      8:30am      **Chapel**  
6:00pm      **Church, Communion**

**Thursday**      6:15pm      **Handbells**  
7:00pm      **Adult Choir**

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

**Sunday**      9:00am      **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 25, 2024

**INCOME FOR THE PERIOD:** Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> thru Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>

**Weekly Donations \$16,252.94      Month to Date \$85,960.49**  
**Weekly Need \$23,540.00      Monthly Need \$94,160.00**

**Prayer Partners- Is Now “Partners in Prayer” or PIPs for short!** We are looking forward to beginning PIPs in **September**. Pictures will be posted in the **Narthex** by next **Sunday** of all the students. If you already know who you would like, be sure to let **the office** know as soon as possible. Once pictures are up, there will be a **signup sheet** in the **Narthex**.

If you are not familiar with the program, students are chosen by congregation members to pray for throughout the year. PIPs also **have lunch together one Friday a month** called **Lunch Bunch**. If you know you can't attend lunch, please choose a preschooler.

**Luke 2 Shirts-** Christmas is right around the corner. **We want to be prepared to start conversations about Jesus** during the month of December (and anytime). **We will be taking orders** for Luke 2 shirts after church during **August and part of September**. The shirts will arrive by the end of **November**. **DCE Jonathan and Arliss Bridget** were in a Zoom meeting with the Luke2Project. They heard a story about Duane Danner. He has a terminal disease. Doctors have turned his life over to Jesus. There is nothing more the doctors can do. But Duane isn't leaving this world without proclaiming the Gospel as much as he can. When someone comes up to him and says, "I love your shirt," he replies with "So you love it... would you wear it?" Duane carries Luke2 shirts in his trunk so that he may give away a shirt to anyone who would like one. It's called the **Danner Dozen**. (Even though he may have more than a dozen shirts in his car.) Would you be willing to join the **Danner Dozen team**? Reality is a dozen shirts are a lot of money. Would you be willing to buy even **one or two extras**? Or, would you be willing to donate a few extra dollars to Messiah to have a stack of shirts available? Please see **DCE Jonathan** or one of the **youths after worship** to place your order. **Arliss Bridget** is going to be making the rounds to other churches to spread the word about Luke 2. Keep watch for Luke 24 The Easter Story in the spring.

**Handbells & Choir-** Are both having rehearsals on **Thurs. at 6:15 & 7pm** respectively, beginning this week. Both groups are always looking for new members.

**Sunday Dinners at Four Winds Coffee Shop-** The fall semester at CMU has begun. Four Winds Coffee Shop at the **corner of 12th and Bookcliff** needs **churches to volunteer** to serve dinner to college students. The dinner is free. Four Winds provides drinks, plates and utensils. Churches provide food and volunteers. Last year, Messiah provided two dinners in the fall and two more in the spring. We need **a point person** to coordinate the food (not make it, but put a list of needs together for others to donate), people to help serve the night of the dinner and people to mingle with the students. Last year, we had about four volunteers each time. **It would be great to increase that to six**, so we have volunteers available to mingle with the college students, get to know them, ask them if they have any prayer requests and generally make them feel at home in Grand Junction. **Are you able to volunteer for one of these dinners?** Contact **DCE Jonathan** with questions. Dinners begin **August 25th** and go through **December 8th** (taking November 24th off). **Which two dinners should Messiah provide in the Fall semester?**

**Battle Ready** - with new group names! Battle Ready will resume on Sunday **September 8th** for **Modules** and Monday **September 9th** for **World Religion & Denominations**. **Please note the new names!** 7th/8th grade Battle Ready is now called **Modules**. 9th/10th grade Battle Ready is now **World Religion & Denominations**. 5th/6th grade will be called **Red Catechism**. All under the category of *Battle Ready!* Each segment must be completed before moving on to the next, e.g., 7th graders who haven't finished memory work or 9th graders who haven't completed all the modules will need to complete their current work before moving on to the next section. **Modules & World Religion/Denomination students**, keep up on your Bible readings every day until we get together again. For each chapter you read, write a sentence or question you have. **Red Catechism students**, keep up with your memory work. This year's 7th graders need to have memory finished in order to start Modules. **Battle Ready students and families**, keep watch for an email from **DCE Jonathan** with a "progress report". This will help you know what make-up work needs to be done and what projects are coming up.

**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 Fall Rally**- All Ladies are invited to the Sat. **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am -2pm @ Messiah**. Breakfast, Fellowship, Singing, Devotions, Bible Study & Lunch. **Registration \$5.00**.

**The Women's Bible study**- “Leaning on Jesus, A study of God’s Strength” by Deb Burma will start on Saturday, **September 14 at 9am** in the **multi-purpose room**. This study promises to enrich our spiritual lives as we learn to lean on the power of Jesus! **Don’t miss this spiritual adventure!** The Bible study books are available to order online from **Concordia Publishing House** at **cph.org**. **Please note**, the **LWML Fall Rally is scheduled for the same day**, this was an oversight on my part, and I want to encourage all ladies to attend the Rally if they choose. **The first day of this study is only an introduction so you will not miss much if you do not attend**. We will study **chapter 1** the following week. Mary Redeker.

**Did You Graduate from High School?** - If so, then you are qualified to help as a **substitute in our school**. We would love to have a long list of folks who are willing to help when needed. We will **provide clear instructions** and be here to **support you** the whole time. You can specify which days and times you are available, and which grades you are comfortable working with. We need **substitutes during the school day** and for **extended day care from 3-6 PM**. Let the **office** know that you are interested, and **Mrs. Eberhard** will get in touch to talk about the details.

**LCMS Foundation Gift Planning**- Working through the Gift Planning process offers a solution for today’s snapshot in time but creates a partnership for adjusting your plan as time changes. If you are concerned that the ministries you wish to support through your estate gifts might change over time, the LCMS can offer a simple solution that enables those changes without the requirement for legal expenses. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can explain this to you. Contact **Jason Jones** at **Jason.Jones@lfnd.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.