



So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Psalms 90:12

Life's Short. How Do We Number Our Days?

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

October 13, 2024

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501 970-
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**The 21st Sunday After Pentecost
(October 13, 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)

869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

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

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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

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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

Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!**

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Kyrie

204

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

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

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**C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,

as you have said.
¹⁵Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 3:12–19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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

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

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17–22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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

565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ (Tune: Darwall's 148th from Hymn 912)

1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done,
They bid my fear depart. Refrain

ref To whom save Thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain
The balm that makes me whole. Refrain

3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God. Refrain

4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;

Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few. Refrain

5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails
Save that which is of Thee. Refrain

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Sermon *Life's Short. How Do We Number Our Days?*

Stand

Offering & Hymn

788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

sts. 1, 6

1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
6 O - pen our eyes to see Your love's in - tent,
For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
May thank - ful - ness be days in ser - vice spent,
While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
Re - flec - tion of Christ's life and love and light.

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Prayer of the Church 1Timothy 2:1-4

Sit

A basket is located outside of the sanctuary doors. Envelopes are available if you would like one.

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

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us
619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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.**

721 Lead Me, Guide Me

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Talents & Interests



Survey



Offering Option: Scan

Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Marilyn Smith
Acolytes: Jasmine Salazar, Sawyer Hirons

Elders: Curtis Peterson, Matt Bonnell
Ushers: Jeremy Skoog, Eric Skoog
Ed Morris, Gage Peck
Greeters: Donna Bruns, Carol Peterson

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: 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, *Karen Stoll*, 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, Jack Eberhard, 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.*

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

Celebrating Birthdays:

16th - Alma Jordan

17th - Kassie Sudduth

19th - Bill Rockwood, Aaron Schultz, Easton Morris, Levi Lampe

Wedding Anniversaries:

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of **October 13, 2024**

Sunday 9:00am **Worship,**
Communion, Facebook Live
 10:30am **Fellowship,**
Coffee, Bible Study
 10:30am **Young Adult Bible**
Study- MPR
 10:30am **Battle Ready Modules-**
Computer Lab
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching-**
2478 Patterson Rd #14

Monday 6:00pm **Battle Ready**
World Religion- MPR
 6:30pm **Cribbage- FH**

Tuesday 7:00am **Men’s Bible**
Study- FH
9:00am **Quilt ladies- FH**
1:00pm **Ruth Circle- FH**
5:00pm **Yard Sale Party- FH**
6:30pm **Lydia Circle-Library**

Wednesday 8:30am **Chapel**
 9:30am **Bible Study- FH**
6:00pm **Church, Communion**

Thursday **No School**
 9:00am **Suicide**
Prevention Workshop- FH
 1:30pm **Dorcas Circle-**
Library
 5:00pm **V-Ball Game-**
CWCS
 6:15pm **Handbells**

6:30pm **Bible Study- Zoom**
7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Friday **No School**

Saturday 9:00am **Women’s Bible**
Study- MPR

Sunday 9:00am **Worship,**
Communion, Facebook Live
 10:30am **Fellowship,**
Coffee, Bible Study
 10:30am **Young Adult Bible**
Study- MPR
 10:30am **Battle Ready Modules-**
Computer Lab
 12:30pm **Church Council- FH**
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching-**
2478 Patterson Rd #14

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
October 13, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Oct. 1st thru
Oct. 8th

Weekly Donations **\$23,211.11**

Month to Date **\$23,211.11**

Weekly Need **\$23,540.00**

Monthly Need **\$94,160.00**

***→ YTD Actual Income:

\$255,374.32

***→ YTD Budget Income:

\$306,017.33

***→ YTD difference: -

\$50,643.01

Altar Guild Point Person- There is an opening for a new point person to oversee the Altar Guild. **Please Prayerfully consider serving.** Training will be provided. Please contact **Laura Ryden at 970-260-6766** for more information.

Volunteer to Help with Linens- This consists of washing and ironing linens. If we could get **2 more volunteers**, each person would only serve **2 months a year!** Please call **Carolyn Baker at 970-434-1524** if you're interested or have any questions.

Cribbage- Let's get playing! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall. Oct. 14th, & 22nd @ 6:30pm.** Come when you can! Questions? Contact **Karen Skoog @ 970-242-2986** (leave a message)

Yard Sale Thank You Party- is scheduled for Tuesday, **Oct. 15** from **5 to 6:30pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. This is for all who helped make the yard sale a success. **Please let the office know if you are attending**, so we can provide the right amount of Pizza and Dessert.

MCRLT Prolife Fall Banquet- Join us Friday, **Oct. 18th at 5:30pm** for our annual Fall Banquet Fundraiser hosted at **Victory Life Church**. This year's speaker is **Marcie Little**. Tickets are **\$30** each or **\$225** for a **table of 8**. Contact **Letha Skoog** to purchase tickets. Can't attend? You can be a Banquet Sponsor! Contact **Letha** or call **(970) 261-3017** for more information on sponsorship. This is a **501(C)(3) Non-Profit organization**.

Soul Shop- Messiah will be hosting a Suicide Prevention Seminar on Thursday, **October 17th**. If you have teenagers, know teenagers or your house is Grand Central Station, you may want to come to this seminar. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** We need **lunch volunteers** to pick up food and serve. Please see **DCE Jonathan** if you would like to help.

Luke2 Project Shirts- **Thank you** to everyone who supported the youth in their fundraiser. Most importantly, praise God through the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel by wearing the Gospel on a shirt. **Luke2 Project shirts should arrive in time for Thanksgiving.**

Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser- The youth will be selling Thanksgiving pies during the **month of October (and part of November)** to help us get to the **National Youth Gathering**. Pies will be available for pick up after worship on **Thanksgiving Eve**. See **DCE Jonathan** or one of the **youths after worship** to place your order.

Operation Christmas Child 2024 - Boxes are available in the **Narthex** and by the **West Entrance**. Return filled boxes by Friday, **November 8th**.

If you are unable to fill a box, no worries, you can still help by **bringing items to help fill a box**; Small toys, blanket, hat, jewelry, drawing materials, pencils, pens, toothbrush and holder, etc. And by praying for the helpers, packers, leaders in the countries

that distribute the Gospel and the boxes as well as for the children that receive the gifts.

What goes into the box is Fun, and what comes out is Eternal!

Food Pantry Update - Due to lack of participation in our Food Pantry, apart from Birthright, it has been decided to dissolve the Pantry. To honor our support agreement with Birthright, we will now be accepting **City Market gift cards** only. With the gift cards the families in need can shop at City Market accompanied by a **Messiah Birthright sponsor**. This will enable them to purchase fresh produce and fresh milk (which we haven't been able to provide), and diapers, etc. This will also **free up space** in the Pantry that can be **utilized by our kitchen**. We believe that closing the Pantry will enable us to concentrate more fully and equally in our support of The Pregnancy Center and Birthright. More information on this next phase to follow shortly.

The Pregnancy Center and Birthright- is an ongoing outreach. Donations of **disposable diapers, wipes, towels, blankets, etc.**, are always needed and welcomed. TPC accepts **new and gently used baby clothing up to size 18 mos., and Birthright accepts up to size 2T**. Please pick up a complete list of other suggested donations in the **narthex** attached to our new **"Welcome New Baby"** donation box. Thank you for your support of this very important outreach.

Save The Date- The **Annual Christmas Craft Fair** will be on **Dec. 7th 9am-3pm**. If you have

any questions, please contact **Lois MacDonald @ 970-201-7338**.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- God has entrusted you with His gifts to apply them to care of family and support of ministry. You want to be sure that after the Lord has called you home, your intentions are followed. Your executor (personal representative) or trustee have the responsibility to enact your wishes someday. That means it is important to carefully choose those representatives and to plainly express your God-directed wishes for His gifts. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in thinking about, and praying about, these important choices. Contact **Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

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**.

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**

