

A person wearing a backpack and a cap is walking away from the viewer down a long, straight dirt path. The path is flanked by tall, dry grass. In the distance, a bright sunset or sunrise is visible on the horizon, with a colorful sky of orange, yellow, and purple. The overall mood is one of journey and hope.

HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN CLEANSE HIS WAY? BY TAKING HEED ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

PSALM 119:9

Living A Pure Life In An Impure World? Psalm 119:9

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

October 20, 2024

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
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The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
October 20, 2024

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace

Confession and Absolution

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

Stand as you are able
712 Seek Ye First

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.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:9–16

BETH

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you;**

let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

¹²**Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**

¹³With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.

¹⁴**In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶**I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

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

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

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on
earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that
are beneficial for us; 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

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:1–13

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they

were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,

“They shall not enter my rest,””

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Handbells: Be Thou My Vision* arr. Hopson**

Stand as you are able

Alleluia

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C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

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

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, 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.]

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

730 What Is the World to Me

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Sermon Living A Pure Life In An Impure World?

Stand as you are able

Psalm 119:9

Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

LSB 192

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

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

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

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

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

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

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

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**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

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

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

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei [John 1:29]

LSB 198

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

Sit

Distribution

788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Text: William Watkins Reid, Sr., 1890–1983, alt.

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634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Stand On Last Verse as you are able

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
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Stand as you are able

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

Nunc Dimittis

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**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving [Psalm 107:1]

LSB 200

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

Post-Communion Collect

**A Let us pray.
...
C Amen.**

Salutation

LSB 201

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

Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.**

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

LSB 202

**P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.**

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker

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Organist: Richard Scott

Acolytes: Harlan Diaz, Dylan Diaz

Elders: Duane Lofton, John McDowell

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@mlgi.org & sec@mlgi.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*.

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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

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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:

21st - Aubrey Wilke

23rd - Marta Morris

24th - Joe Barcus, Beverly Blackmore

26th - Kolten Moore, Nancy Seeley

Wedding Anniversaries:

Allen & Beth Weber (59)

Matt & Emily Currey (21)

Dennis & Sheri Phillips (49)

Mike & Mary Redeker (38)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of October 20, 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

Tuesday 7:00am Men’s Bible Study- FH
9:00am Quilt ladies- FH
6:30pm Cribbage- FH

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

Thursday 5:00pm V-Ball Game- San Juan
 6:15pm Handbells
6:30pm Bible Study- Zoom
 7:00pm Adult Choir

Friday 11:30am Lunch Bunch

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

Sunday 9:00am Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
 9:00am Reformation/Confirmation Sunday
 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 20, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Oct. 9th thru Oct. 16th

Weekly Donations \$ \$19,401.99 Month to Date \$42,613.10

Weekly Need \$23,540.00 Monthly Need \$94,160.00

*** ☐ YTD Actual Income: \$274,776.31

*** ☐ YTD Budget Income: \$329,557.33

*** ☐ YTD difference: -\$54,781.02

Partners in Prayer Lunch Bunch-- If you would like to order lunch for yourselves, and/or your partner in prayer, the menu is Chick-Fil-A: crispy chicken sandwich, chips, and a cookie. The cost is \$10 and needs to be turned into the office by Oct. 23rd. There are lunch slips located in the office.

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. 22nd @ 6:30pm. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Karen Skoog @ 970-242-2986 (leave a message)

It's time for Fall cleaning- and polishing of the wood in the Sanctuary, this coming Saturday Oct. 25th @ 9:00am. All hands are welcome, and supplies are provided. Come and join us! If you're attending the Women's Bible Study at 9, come early, meet the group, and help a bit. It'll be an easy way to serve and get involved.

LWML- Is sponsoring a fleece blanket tying for children in our community who need a cozy blanket to cuddle into this fall/winter season. Let us come together to make these fast and fun blankets for the children. We will teach you how if you have never done them. No sewing is involved! If you have an hour to help us that would be wonderful. Materials are provided. Willing hands to tie them together is what is needed. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Nov. 2nd @ 2pm.

Orphan Grain Train- the truck has been loaded with all the clothes that were donated by Messiah Lutheran Church after the yard sale. The donated clothes will be going to families in the hurricane areas. Thank you for your love and time!

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. You can also pray 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!

The Pregnancy Center and Birthright- -are ongoing Out Reaches.

Messiah has shut down the food pantry; however, nonperishable items, such as 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.

LWML MITES- Mite boxes are used for the collection of money for missions. 25% of the mite offering is sent to International LMWL for mission projects. Mite Money is used to further God's Kingdom through the mission projects selected by delegates at district and international conventions. Place your mite box wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. There is also a mite box located in the Narthex if you would like to donate that way. You mite want to give your mite box to family members and friends.

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. There is a fine line between expressing no direction for use of gifts to ministry, and being too controlling, hampering the ministry from using the gift. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can engage in conversation about this topic. 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