

November 10, 2024

Certainty in Uncertainty?



*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 3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 10, 2024
(Rev. Dr. Martin Luther's Birthday!)**

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)

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Confession and Absolution

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

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

203

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

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

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

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Absolution

203

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

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 144

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

 I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³**Put not your trust in princes,**

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴**When his breath departs he returns to the earth;**

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

 whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Kyrie

204

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

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

204

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

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,

**Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”

¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do

not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Adult Choir: Give Thanks

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

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.
 C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

738 Lord of All Hopefulness

Sermon *Certainty in Uncertainty?*

Stand

1Kings 17:8-16 & Psalm 146

Offering

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

sts. 1, 3-4

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
 And homes are bare and cold,
 And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
 Are straying from the fold.

- 4 To comfort and to bless,
 To find a balm for woe,
 To tend the lone and fatherless
 Is angels' work below.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97
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Responsive Prayer For Veterans' Day

L: Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

R: We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

L: We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

R: We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.

L: Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples, that they would be

kept in Your name, filled with joy and sanctified in Your Word of truth.

**R: Keep our chaplains in Your name.
Fill them with the joy that comes
from knowing You have defeated sin
and death. Sanctify their ministry in
Your Word of truth.**

L: Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the wounded-warrior wards and in our military hospitals as they provide pastoral care to hurting and wounded veterans and their families.

**R: Lord, mend the wounds of all
who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
Grant their physicians knowledge
and wisdom as they seek the best
treatments for patients' suffering.**

L: God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve in all branches of our armed forces. Only through Your sustaining love can they move out daily with confidence and joy. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97

620 Jesus Comes Today With Healing

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-58; tr. David W. Rognen, 1960

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

LSB 211

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 give you peace.

C **Amen.**

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

sts. 1, 4

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Talents & Interests



Survey



Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Marilyn Smith
Acolytes: Harlan & Dylan Diaz

Elders: Curtis Peterson, Don Olbert
Ushers: Cody Bonnell, Daniel Bonnell
Korrey Klein, Otto Ratz
Greeters: John & Joyce Feliciano

PRAAYER 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, Bill & Deborah Stacy, 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 Silata, 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:

11th - *Ken Currey, Carol Peterson*

14th - *Debbie Fenske, Grayson Morris*

Wedding Anniversaries:

Stephen & Barbara (32)

Deb & Mark Fenske (33)

Lowell & Arliss Bridgett (38)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of November 10, 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/Searchng- 2478 Patterson Rd #14
Monday		
Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Bible Study- FH
	9:00am	Quilt ladies- FH
	6:00pm	Elders Meeting- FH
	6:30pm	Cribbage- MPR
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	9:30am	Bible Study- FH
	6:00pm	Church, Communion
Thursday		
	1:00pm	Finance Action Team Meeting- Library
	6:15pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Bible Study- Zoom
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Friday	11:30am	Lunch Bunch- Flannel Day
Saturday		
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 10, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Oct. 30th thru Nov. 6th

Weekly Donations \$28,402.41	Month to Date \$28,402.41	Weekly Need
\$23,540.00	Monthly Need \$94,160.00	
***→ YTD Actual Income: \$343,889.98		
***→ YTD Budget Income: \$400,177.33		
***→ YTD difference: -\$56,287.35		
<u>ATTENDANCE:</u> Wed. 10/30/24- 20	Sun. 11/03/24- 230	

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.

Thanksgiving Pie- Thank you to everyone who has purchased a pie. The youth will continue taking orders until **November 13th** to help us get to the **National Youth Gathering**. See **DCE Jonathan** or one of the **youths** after worship to place your order.

Investment Opportunity?? The Church is preparing to put **Jack Rider's Condominium** up for sale. **580 Bookcliff Avenue #18**. 1-Bedroom, 1-bath, 512 square ft with parking. \$130,000. Close to St. Mary's Hospital. Contact **Debbie Fenske (970-245-2838)** for additional information.

Cribbage - Let's get playing! We are meeting on Tues., **Nov. 12th** in the **multi-purpose room @ 6:30pm** and Mon., **Nov. 18th** in the **fellowship hall @ 6:30pm**. Times and days are different so we can see what works for most people. Come when you can! Questions? Contact **Karen Skoog @ 970-242-2986** (leave a message)

Thanksgiving Dinner- Messiah will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for CMU students and anyone who would like to join us on Thursday, **Nov. 28th at 1pm**. Please contact **Carolyn Gochee or DCE Jonathan** to sign up to bring something. We'll need all the usual Thanksgiving foods: turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, veggies....and of course, dessert! **You could even buy a pie from the youth to bring!!!**

Kids Connection- All 6th grade and younger youth are welcome and **REQUESTED** to attend **Kids Connection**. While children & youth are in Kids Connection and Battle Ready, parents, young adults, everyone is invited and requested to attend a Bible study as well. **Are you interested** in leading a Bible study or helping with Kids Connection? **Please see DCE Jonathan.**

The Council- is having a congressional meeting next Sunday **November 17th. at 10:30 am.** (directly following the service)

The Giving Tree- It is time to think about our families and individuals in need. We will be setting up a giving tree with items to donate to these families at **Christmas time**. If you know of a family in need, please let the **office** know. **The names are kept private**. Once we have the names, we will assign a number and place the ornament on The Giving Tree. The tree will remain up until **November 30th**. **Please prayerfully consider helping these families** to better enjoy their Christmas. If you would like to give, please select an ornament from the tree, purchase the gift(s), wrap it and return it to the **church office** by **December 13th**. If you have a question, contact us at **970-245-2838**.

National Youth Gathering (update)

- * We're registered for NYG. **July 19 - 23, 2025**. All 8th graders through 12th graders are invited. If you didn't turn in your registration paperwork, **please see DCE Jonathan**. You may register up **to May 1, 2025**.
- * YAV (Young Adult Volunteers) applications are now open. The deadline to register is **December 31st**. Please visit the NYG website or contact DCE Jonathan if you need help. YAVs are ages 18 - 25 the year of the NYG.
- * Adults **26 years** old and over are also invited to be on **Team Flex**.
- * Visit <https://www.lcmsgathering.com/> or speak to **DCE Jonathan** for more information.

The Pregnancy Center and Birthright- -are ongoing Out Reaches. We would like City Market gift cards so the families can buy perishable items, like milk & produce. 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 with 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**.

Sunday Dinners at Four Winds Coffee Shop - December 8th

Four Winds Coffee Shop at the corner of 12th and Bookcliff hosts dinner for college students. **Dinner is free**. Four Winds provides drinks, plates and utensils. Churches provide food and volunteers. Messiah is looking for 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. **Messiah signed up for December 8th**. Are you able to be a point person, volunteer, mingler or food provider? **How is God equipping you as a called servant of the Most High King?**

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- Gift planning can ensure that your charitable intent is honored in your overall estate plan. Much of financial planning is focused on wealth creation and preservation. Often, the estate planning process can become an extension of that same focus. Working with a Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can enable you to keep your focus on managing God's gifts for God's purposes, for both family and ministry. 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/**](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**