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February 16, 2025

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
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**The 6th Sunday After Epiphany
(February 16, 2025)**

Divine Service 3

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.

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Stand as you are able

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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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.
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 1

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³**He is like a tree**
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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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'ly 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]**

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

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

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵Thus says the LORD:
“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
 and makes flesh his strength,
 whose heart turns away from the LORD.
⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,
 and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
 in an uninhabited salt land.
⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
 whose trust is the LORD.
⁸He is like a tree planted by water,
 that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
 for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
 for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Alleluia

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C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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 Creational 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Kids' Time

932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Sermon You're In God's Torah Tree

Jeremiah 17:5-7 & Psalm 1

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

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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.

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

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

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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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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.**

Lord's Prayer [Matthew 6:9-13]

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**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 Hymns

705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.

Stand as you are able

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

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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 give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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Talents & Interests



Survey



Offering Option: Scan



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

Elders: John O'Conner, Curtis Peterson
Ushers: Ken Currey, Ray Seeley
Jack Messenger, Dennis Phillips
Greeters: NEED VOLUNTEERS

PRAYER REQUESTS— *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to
admin@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, 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, *Katie Buxman, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Arthur Kluegel, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Amy Poulin, Rick Reimers, Loretta Siilata, Skogen, Nickie Wilke.*

Home Hospice Care: Lester McMickell

Called Home:

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

Messiah Lutheran members

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siah 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:

16- **James Lewis, Jasmine Salazar**

18- **Mark Ritterbush, Bailee Ritterbush**

21- **Tessa Miller, Joseph**

22- **George Townsend**

Wedding Anniversaries:

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of February 16, 2025

Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study Young Adult Bible Study- MPR Battle Ready Modules- Computer Lab Church Council Sipping/Search- 2478 Patterson Rd #14
Monday	5:30pm	No Schoool Battle Ready WR/DD- Library
Tuesday	7:00am 9:00am 1:00pm 5:30pm 6:15pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study- FH Quilt Ladies- FH Ruth Circle- Library B-Ball Game- Away Handbells Cribbage- FH Lydia Circle- Library Adult Choir
Wednesday	8:30am 9:30am 6:00pm	Chapel Bible Study – FH Church
Thursday	1:30pm 6:30pm	Dorcas Circle- Library Bible Study- Zoom
Friday	11:30am 6:00pm 6:00pm	Lunch Bunch Daddy Daughter Dance B-Ball Game- Away
Saturday	7:30am 9:00am 2:00pm	Adult/Highschool B-Ball Open GYM Women's Bible Study- Library Luke Bible Study- 2267 Tanglewood Rd.
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am 10:30am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study Young Adult Bible Study- MPR

10:30am **Battle Ready Modules- Computer Lab**
6:00pm **Sipping/Searchng- 2478 Patterson Rd #14**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 16, 2025

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Jan. 6th – Feb. 12th

Weekly Donations	\$21,400.47	Month to Date	\$39,160.80
Weekly Need	\$23,540.00	Monthly Need	\$94,160.00
***→	YTD Actual Income:	\$638,275.78	
***→	YTD Budget Income:	\$682,657.33	***→
YTD difference:	-\$44,381.55		
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Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study- We will **resume** our study on **February 18th**. Our current study is in 1 Peter, beginning with chapter 2, verse 18.

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 **\$8** and needs to be turned into the office by **Feb. 21st**. There are lunch slips located in the **office** on the **bulletin board**.

Altar Care Help Needed- We have a few open spots for **Communion Set-up** and **Clean-up** in the **coming months**. If you're able to help, please check the **sign-up sheet** in the **Narthex** or contact **Eileen Johnson** at **303-304-4342** if you'd like to be trained to serve in this way. **Thank you for your support!**

It's Cribbage Time! (Finally!!)- Tue. **Feb. 18**, & Mon. **March 10**. We'll meet at **6:30pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Bring a board if you have one and be ready to have fun! **Never played?** We'll teach you. **Questions?** Call **Karen Skoog @ 970-242-2986** & leave a message.

Saturday Morning Basketball- Everyone in high school and older are welcome to join a pickup game in the **GYM** each **Saturday at 7:30am**. We play for fun and exercise. Contact **Joe Diedrich at 303-526-6037** to add to the text thread. We send out a text on **Thursday** or **Friday** to confirm who will be there.

Donation Opportunity for the Homeless - LWML is collecting donations for the homeless. Needed items include **warm winter hats, gloves, mittens, socks, underwear, and personal hygiene products**. Donations can be placed in the **silver box** in the **Narthex**.

Wednesday Bible Study- All are welcome to a mid-week Bible study on **Wednesdays** at **9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing **Jesus' second coming**, THE Rapture and end times. Are those three different things or are they one and the same? Come and find out! Share your thoughts and dig into the Bible to find out what the text says about our thoughts and opinions.

National Youth Gathering- We have eleven youth and adults plus a young adult volunteer attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, **July 19 - 23, 2025**. Please keep all these participants in your prayers. Youth: **G.G. Ammon, Cal Diedrich, Shiloh Dimmick, Ken Dimmick, Aaliyah Gonzales, Esperanza Gonzalez, Aaron Schultz, Ryan Schultz.** Adults: **Rachel Ammon, Orin Dimmick, DCE Jonathan Peterson.** Young Adult Volunteer (YAV): **Makayla Peck.** For those attending the NYG, we will have **two Bible study sessions** along with a meeting to review the covenant we will be following. More details will be shared soon.

Pregnancy Center/Birthright Update- Please visit our **heart display** in the **Narthex** for suggested donation items. Simply choose a heart, purchase the listed item, and place it in the donation box. At the end of the month, all collected items will be evenly distributed between the outreach organizations. **Gift cards and monetary donations** should be returned to the **office**. Additionally, the Pregnancy Center is nearing the launch of its ultrasound services—more details will be shared soon. **Thank you for your generosity and support!**

Luke24 Shirts – A Meaningful Easter Message. The **Luke24 Project** continues the story of Easter, building on the **Luke2 Project**. These shirts are more than just apparel—they are a way to share the message of Christ, spark conversations about Jesus, and encourage Christ-centered thoughts in those who see them. The goal of the Luke24 Project, just like Luke2, is "**Every Christian, Every Easter, Every Wear**"—a fun and meaningful play on words! You may also notice the unique design feature: the **empty "4"**, symbolizing both Luke 2 and the empty tomb. **Messiah Youth** will be selling these shirts after worship each week through **February 16th**. Prices are **\$25 for short sleeves** and **\$30 for long sleeves**. Orders are expected to arrive by **mid-March**. Thank you for supporting this ministry and helping spread the message of Easter!

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.

Vacation Bible School- VBS is just around the corner, happening from **June 2 - 6, 2025!** We're looking for volunteers to serve as **group leaders** and **section leaders** for activities such as games, crafts, snacks, story time, and science. VBS will run from **8am-12pm** each day. Volunteers will need to attend a **training session** and complete a **background check**. A supply list will be **available soon**, but in the meantime, please start saving **paper towel rolls!** For more information, please contact **Lois MacDonald** or **DCE Jonathan.**

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. You may be committed to supporting ministry but may have other charities in mind as well. In Matthew 25, Jesus said, “Whatever you do for one of the least of these you have done it for me.” Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain information about the right way to support organizations, discerning if they are consistent with your beliefs and practices. Contact **Jason Jones** at **Jason.Jones@lfnd.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988- 0305.**

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