



HOLY IS HE! PUTTING THE "AWE" BACK INTO AWESOME

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MARCH 2, 2025

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO
970-245-2838**

**Transfiguration Sunday
(March 2, 2025)**

Offerings: Offering bags are located on either side of the back pews

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Shalom/Peace

Confession and Absolution

Stand

798 The God of Abraham Praise

sts. 1-3, 8-9

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise,
 Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
 And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
 By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
 Forever blest.

- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise,
 At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
 At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
 Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make,
 My shield and tow'r.

3 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days
In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend;
He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end
Through Jesus' blood.

8 The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!"

9 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise!

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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

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

LSB 184

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

LSB 185

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.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 99

¹The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
²**The LORD is great in Zion;**
he is exalted over all the peoples.
³Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!
⁴**The King in his might loves justice.**
You have established equity;

**you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

⁹Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

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'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]**

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 God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 3:1–6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Messiah Kids Sing

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

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

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

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
 Thy glory fills the night;
 Thy face and garments, like the sun,
 Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
 Thy beauty to behold
 Where Moses and Elijah stand,
 Thy messengers of old.

- 3 Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

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Sermon *Holy is He! Putting the “Awe” Back in AWEsome* **Psalm 99**

Votum

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

Stand

Offerings: Offering bags are located on either side of the back pews

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]

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.]

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.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
 Voice of joy that cannot die;
 Alleluia is the anthem
 Ever raised by choirs on high;
 In the house of God abiding
 Thus they sing eternally.

- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

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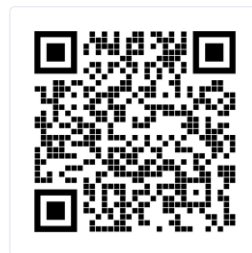
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Talents & Interests



Survey



Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: Richard Scott

Acolytes: Christopher Brossard, Jaspar Ammon

Elders: John McDowell

Ushers: Doug Haynes, Dave Gruner
Daniel Bonnell, Brian Bruns

Greeters: Betty Crinklaw, **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@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, *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: Duane Sickler

Called Home:

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Jack Eberhard, 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:

3- Jack Messenger

5- Daniel Nordmeyer, Parker Shahan

7- Debbie Boydston

Wedding Anniversaries:

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of **March 2, 2025**

Sunday	9:00am	Worship, 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	5:30pm	Battle Ready WR/DD- Library
Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Bible Study- FH
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies- FH
	6:15pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
	7:00pm	Compassionate Friends- FH
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	9:30am	Bible Study – FH
	1:00pm	Safety Meeting- Library
	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	5:30pm	Girls Playoff Basketball Game - HOME
	6:30pm	Bible Study- Zoom
Friday		
Saturday	7:30am	Adult/Highschool B-Ball Open GYM
	9:30am	Girls Basketball Game – Palisade HS
	9:00am	Women's Bible Study- Library
	2:00pm	Luke Bible Study- 2267 Tanglewood Rd.
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 2, 2025

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Feb. 20th – Feb. 26th

Weekly Donations **\$14,147.10**

Month to Date **\$73,310.95**

Weekly Need **\$23,540.00**

Monthly Need **\$94,160.00**

***→ YTD Actual Income: **\$693,826.40**

***→ YTD Budget Income: **\$753,277.33**

***→ YTD difference: **-\$59,450.93**

ATTENDANCE: Wed. 02/19/25- **14** Sun 02/23/25- **171**

Join Us- For **Ash Wednesday** on **March 5th** and every **Wednesday** through **April 9th** as we observe the season of **Lent**. A **Soup Supper** will be served at **5:15pm**, followed by the **worship service** at **7:00pm**. We invite all to come together for fellowship, reflection, and worship during this meaningful season.

Easter Breakfast – As we prepare for this year’s Easter Breakfast, we gratefully thank **Joe, Tom, and Louie** who coordinated and planned this important event for many years. **WE ARE NOW CALLING ON THE NEXT GENERATION OF MEN** in our congregation to step up and carry this tradition forward. God calls men to be leaders in the home, the church, and the community. **What better way to lead** than by taking on a role that not only strengthens our fellowship but also sets an example for the generations to come? This is a powerful opportunity for the men of the congregation to **demonstrate leadership** in action by serving others, honoring God, and setting a legacy of faith and service for our children and grandchildren. **If you feel called to be part of this**, please reach out to **Ray Seeley 970-260-8954** to learn more about how you can help lead this important tradition. **Together, we can continue to build a strong foundation of faith and service for the future.**

Early Registration- For **Lutheran Women's National Convention**

March 1st - April 30th Save \$50! The convention will be held **June 26th-29th** in **Omaha, Nebraska**. For more information, visit **lwml.org/convention**.

It’s Cribbage Time! - 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.

Reaccreditation Planning – Your Help Needed! The school is beginning preparations for our upcoming **reaccreditation next school year**, and we will need plenty of help from **congregation members** to complete the necessary work in a timely manner. While experience with the process is valuable, many of the changes are significant, **so even if you**

have no prior experience, that's perfectly okay. We will all be learning together! We know how much this congregation loves and values our school, and we encourage you to let me know if you're willing to help, even if you're unsure of which role you could fill. Our planning and training will begin in **April**. To **sign up** or for **more information**, please **email Principal Eberhard at principal@mlgj.org** or **sign up on the sheet in the office** to receive updates on meeting times and dates.

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**.

You're Invited- Join us as we celebrate the **90th birthday of Marilyn Kivett!** When: **March 15th at 1:00 PM** Where: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, **652 E 5th St., Rifle, CO 81650**. Come for cake and conversation. All we need is your "presence" to make this special day even brighter! Please **RSVP** with **Dori** via text **970-309-9938**.

Ladies Guild - The Ladies Guild will be hosting a **Soup Supper** on Wednesday, **March 19th**. We need volunteers to help with setting up around **4:00pm**, serving, cleaning up, and bringing desserts. This is a great opportunity to serve our congregation and connect with other ladies in the church. If you're able to help or have any questions, please contact **Carolyn Baker** at **970-434-1524**. **Thank you for your support and generosity!**

Altar Care Action Committee Meeting- Will be held on **March 29th**, from **9am-10am**. All who assist or are interested in helping with communion preparation, banners, paraments, or linens are encouraged to attend! **Pastor will lead us in a devotion**, and we will have the opportunity to meet one another and share ideas, needs, or suggestions. **For any questions**, please contact **Eileen Johnson** at **303-304-4342**.

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.

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.

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 planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. In our culture, it is the “immediate” that receives the attention, resulting in us failing to plan for long-term needs. For example, if you are going to put an estate plan in place, it will cost money working with an attorney. Maybe you need new tires instead and that wins the contest. To deal with the long term, we need to plan for it and prioritize. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can meet with you, without cost, to begin thinking about the value of this long-range planning. 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**