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March 9, 2025

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
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The First Sunday in Lent
(March 9, 2025)

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.

Offering baskets are available at either end of the back pews

Divine Service 4

Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

sts. 1–3

Confession and Absolution

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

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- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*

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

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Absolution

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

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-13

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³**For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.**

- ⁴**He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- ⁵**You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,**
- ⁶**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- ⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.
- ⁹**Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—**
- ¹⁰**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**
- ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹²**On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³**You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

Kyrie

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 10:8b–13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Adult Choir: *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* by P. Bliss, J. McGranahan; Arr. T. Cottrell
Stand

Verse

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to

whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

““You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.””

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

““He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,”

¹¹and

““On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin credo, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.] (Us men means all people)

Apostles’ Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

Please Stand As You Are Able

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Sermon You Don't Walk Alone

Psalm 91

Stand

Offering

Offering baskets are available on either end of the back pews

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

sts. 4–5

4 When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.

5 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.

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Prayer of the Church

1Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

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Preface 2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

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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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

[The Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]

The Words of Our Lord

Words of Institution: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25

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

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

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418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

LSB 211

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

...

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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sts. 4–6

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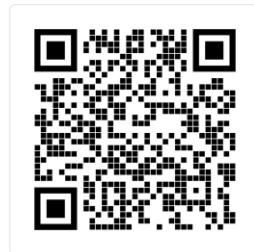
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Talents & Interests



Survey



Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Marilyn Smith
Acolytes: Duke Arnold, Oliver Messenger

Elders: Ray Seeley, Victor Lozano
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

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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:

11- Karen Skoog

13- Olivia Resz

15- Preston Shahan

Wedding Anniversaries:

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of **March 9, 2025**

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	5:30pm	Battle Ready WR/DD- Library
	6:30pm	Cribbage- FH
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies- FH
	6:15pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	9:30am	Bible Study – FH
	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Lent Service
Thursday	9:30am	Finance Action Team Meeting- Library
	6:30pm	Bible Study- Zoom
Friday	11:30am	Lunch Bunch- Book Character Day
Saturday	7:30am	Adult/Highschool B-Ball Open GYM
	2:00pm	Luke Bible Study- 2267 Tanglewood Rd.
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6:00pm **Sipping/Searching-** 2478 Patterson Rd #14

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 9, 2025

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Feb. 27th – March 5th

Weekly Donations \$ **19,622.87** Month to Date \$ **19,622.87**

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

***→ YTD Actual Income: **\$713,449.27**

***→ YTD Budget Income: **\$776,817.33**

***→ YTD difference: **-\$63,368.06**

ATTENDANCE: Wed. 02/26/25- **15** Sun 03/02/25- **238**

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. PRICE CHANGE \$8.50** needs to be turned into the office by **March 12th**. There are lunch slips located in the **office** on the **bulletin board**. The spirit day theme is “Favorite Book Character”

Join Us- 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.

Men’s Bible Study- Please note that our last study session was held **March 4th**. We will resume our regular study sessions on Tuesday, **April 1st**. This is not a joke – for real! Mark your calendars, we look forward to seeing you then!

Easter Breakfast – 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.**

It's Cribbage Time! - Mon. **March 10** 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**.

Easter Lilies for Sanctuary Decoration- Are available for purchase to help decorate the sanctuary this **Easter season**. Each plant is **\$15**. Funds raised above the cost of the lilies will support our **youth attending the National Youth Gathering 2025**. To order, please find the **box in the narthex**, fill out a slip, and drop it with your payment in the box. After **Easter Sunday worship**, you can take your plant home or gift it to someone special! Place your order by Palm Sunday, **April 13th**. Thank you for supporting our youth and celebrating Easter with us!

Early Registration- For **Lutheran Women's National Convention** is **March 1st - April 30th**, **Save \$50!** The convention will be held **June 26th-29th** in **Omaha, Nebraska**. For more information, visit **lwml.org/convention**.

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.

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 – Is hosting **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**.

Ladies' Bible Study- Our current Saturday morning Bible study, "Waiting" will be coming to a close on Saturday, **March 8th**. Following Spring Break, we will begin a new Bible study, "**Chosen**", **Esther written by Donna Snow**. This study will run from Sat. **May 3rd** to Sat. **June 26th**, spanning 8 weeks. We will continue to meet in the **library** from **9:00am-11:00am** with **Beth Weber** as our leader. The study book is available through **CPH**, and you may also check a **local bookstore** for availability. We look forward to seeing you there!

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. Many seniors are concerned about the high cost of nursing home care and believe their only estate priority is protecting assets. But there are many other legal and financial issues that should be considered, including how to bless family with inheritance and support ministries that the Lord has laid on the heart. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can broaden your consideration. 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**