

MARCH 30, 2025



WHAT ARE YOUR STANDARDS?

PREACHING AND TEACHING THE TRUTH TO HIS EXPANDING KINGDOM, REACHING OUT TO ALL!

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The 4th Sunday In Lent
(March 30, 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.

Offerings: Offering baskets are located on either end of the back pews, or you can scan the QR code.

Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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

Introit

Psalms 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,

that you might comfort me.
²“Behold, God is my salvation;
 I will trust, and will not be afraid;
 for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
 and he has become my salvation.”
³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will
 say in that day:
 “Give thanks to the LORD,
 call upon his name,
 make known his deeds among the peoples,
 proclaim that his name is exalted.
⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
 let this be made known in all the earth.
⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Bell Choir: The Cross* arr. Linda Lamb**

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 15:1–3, 11b–32

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.****

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].
²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and

celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

sts. 4–7

Sermon *What Are Your Standards?* 2Corinthians 5:17 & Parable of the Loving Father
Stand

Offering

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426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

sts. 1, 4

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Text: Public domain

Prayer of the Church 1Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

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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 1 Chronicles 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; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini John 20:19

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

**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

Bell Choir: *Calvary Melody* arr. Childers

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Please rise for last verse

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

**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.**

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

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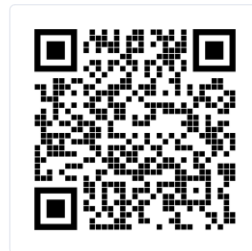
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Talents & Interests



Survey



Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Marilyn Smith
Acolytes: Sawyer Hirons & Jasmine Salazar

Elders: Curtis Peterson, John O'Connor
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, *Linda Currey, 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.*

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:

30- Lisa Moore, Declan Bethka

31- Barbara Moor

1- Sean Redeker,

2- Dave Riese

3- Helen Bonner, Barbara Freeman,

4- Maddox Bish

Wedding Anniversaries:

Doug & Cynthia Haynes (54)

Home Hospice Care:

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of **March 30, 2025**

Sunday 8:00am **First Communion Class- FH**
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**

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 **Lent Service**

Thursday 6:30pm **Bible Study- Zoom**

Friday

Saturday 7:30am **Adult/Highschool B-Ball Open GYM**
 2:00pm **Luke Bible Study- 2267 Tanglewood Rd.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 30, 2025

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: March 20th – March 26th

Weekly Donations **\$20,464.05**

Month to Date **\$87,230.05**

Weekly Need **\$23,540.00**

Monthly Need **\$94,160.00**

***→ YTD Actual Income: **\$781,056.45**

***→ YTD Budget Income: **\$847,437.33**

***→ YTD difference: **-\$66,380.88**

ATTENDANCE: Lent_Wed. 03/19/25- **67** Sun 03/23/25- **180**

Messiah Note- You may see **Mr. Hartbauer** mowing Messiah's beautiful fields with a new lawnmower. A big **THANK YOU** to **the anonymous donor!**

Help With Messiah Student Recruitment- YARD SIGNS! THIS IS PRIME

RECRUITMENT TIME FOR NEW STUDENTS! A generous donor has provided a number of yard signs promoting Messiah Lutheran School enrollment. If you would like one, please pick it up after church or in the office. These signs are intended to be reused in the summer, so please do not throw them away. If you are unable to store them or reuse them, kindly return them to the office, as they were not inexpensive. **Thank you for your support! Pastor**

Calling All Keys- The church and school have been **re-keyed**. Please note that the old keys **will no longer work**. We still need your keys so we can recycle them. **Kindly return all the keys as soon as possible**. Keys will be redistributed in the next couple of weeks or as needed, and you may check out a key for the time you need it. **Thank you, Deb Fenske**

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.

Kindergarten Round-Up- Mark your calendars! Kindergarten Round-Up is coming up on **Tue. April 8th & Thurs. April 10th** from **8am to 11am**. If you know any families with Pre-K students, please share this post with them! It's the perfect opportunity for your Pre-K student to experience a fun and engaging morning in kindergarten. They'll enjoy **Jesus**

Time, alphabet activities, math, gym time, recess, and so much more! To sign up your child, please call the **school office** at **970-245-2838**.

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.**

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.

The Pregnancy Center & Birthright Update- A heartfelt thank you to **everyone** who so **generously donated** to our **Heart Project!** Thanks to your kindness, we were able to deliver a large quantity of baby items to both organizations. Additionally, the City Market

gift cards allowed parents to purchase fresh produce for their families. Both organizations expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation. Our donation box will remain in the **Narthex for any future contributions. Thank you** once again for your continued support!

Luke Part II Bible Study- Join us for the continuation of our Bible study series on the **Gospel of Luke**, led by Charlie Johnson. **Luke Part II** will begin on **April 5th at 2pm** at **2267 Tanglewood Rd, Grand Junction**. Study guides are available for purchase through **Concordia Publishing**. This study will build upon the foundation laid in **Luke Part I**. We look forward to having you join us! For more information, please contact **Helen Bonner**.

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. You can list the members of your family today, but what happens to inheritance if family situations change? What happens if one of your children gets married or a grandchild is born, and they are not listed in your will or trust? Your attorney can place language in your legal documents to address these matters. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can highlight the concerns you have with your attorney to ensure they are addressed. 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**