

# THIS IS JUST WHAT WE DO



*This Is Just What We Do—Praying People  
in a Hurting World*

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

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah  
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501  
970-245-2838

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
(July 27, 2025)

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**ATTENDANCE: A NEW WAY**

- **FILL OUT ATTENDANCE CARDS**
- **PASS THEM TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE AT END OF SERMON**
- **USHERS WILL PICK THEM UP ON THE WAY BACK FROM BRINGING UP THE OFFERINGS**

*Offering Baskets are located at either end of the back pews. You may also use the QR code.*

## Divine Service 4

### Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

**663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray** *sts. 1–2*

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;  
From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o'ertaken;  
For the foe,  
Well we know,

Is a harvest reaping  
While the saints are sleeping.

- 2 Watch against the devil's snares  
Lest asleep he find you;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind you.  
Satan's prey  
Oft are they  
Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.

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## Confession and Absolution

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

### Invocation

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

### Exhortation 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father,

seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

*Kneel/Stand*

**Confession of Sins**    *LSB 203*

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

**Absolution**    *203*

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

**C    Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalms 138*

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>**I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.**

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.

<sup>4</sup>**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Kyrie** 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14; John 1:29<sup>204</sup>

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

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit

**Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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**      *Genesis 18:20–33*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I

will not do it.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** *Colossians 2:6–19*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and

knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**Alleluia** *LSB 205*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Verse** *205*

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

**Alleluia** *LSB 205*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 11:1–13*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? <sup>8</sup>I tell



you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**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.**

## The Introduction

### **Our Father who art in heaven.**

*What does this mean?*

**With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

*Sit*

## **Kids' Time**

### **772 In Holy Conversation**

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### **Sermon *This Is Just What We Do—Praying People in a Hurting World***

*Stand*

**Offering** *Offering Baskets are located at either end of the back pews. You may also use the QR code.*

### **797 Praise the Almighty** *sts. 1, 5*

1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!

Yes, I will laud Him until death;

With songs and anthems I come before Him

As long as He allows me breath.

From Him my life and all things came;

Bless, O my soul, His holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy

Of Him who does such wondrous things!

All that has being, to praise Him solely,

With happy heart its amen sings.

Children of God, with angel host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Alleluia, alleluia!

## Prayer of the Church

1Timothy 2:1-4

# Service of the Sacrament

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*Stand*

**Preface**     2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136     *LSB 208*

**P**     The Lord be with you.

**C**     **And also with you.**

**P**     Lift up your hearts.

**C**     **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P**     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**     **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P**     It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**     Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9     *LSB 208*

**C**     **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

**Lord's Prayer**

**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 Words of Our Lord**

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

**Pax Domini    John 20:19**

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

**C    Amen.**

**Agnus Dei    John 1:29        *LSB 210***

**C        1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

**825 Rise, Shine, You People**

Text: Ronald A. Klug, 1939–2021, alt.

**779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care**

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

**618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

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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.**

**663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray** *sfs. 3–5*

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## Reflection & Discussion Questions

**Theme:** *This Is Just What We Do—Praying People in a Hurting World*

**1. What’s the point of prayer—especially when it feels like nothing changes?**

If prayer isn’t just about getting what we want, could it be about staying connected to Someone who loves us even when the world doesn’t make sense (Luke 11:1–13)?

**2. What does Abraham’s back-and-forth with God teach us about how we’re allowed to speak to Him?**

Do you think God actually invites us to be bold, honest, and even persistent in prayer (Genesis 18:20–33)? Why or why not?

**3. How does it change things to believe that God sees you, values you, and has a purpose for you—even when others overlook you?**

Psalm 138 says God “regards the lowly.” When have you felt unseen? What if you believed God never missed a moment of your story?

**4. What’s shaping your identity most right now—and is it helping or hurting?**

Colossians 2 talks about being “rooted and built up in Christ.” What does it mean to have your foundation in something eternal instead of in trends, pressure, or other people’s opinions?

**5. If you could ask God for one thing right now—and knew He was listening—what would it be?**

Have you stopped praying about something because you felt unheard or disappointed? What would it take to pray again?

**Pastor:** Mike Redeker

**DCE:** Jonathan Peterson

**Organist:** Marilyn Smith

**Acolytes:** Jasmine Salazar, Sawyer Hiron

**Elders:** Duane Lofton

**Ushers:** Bill Buxman, Ray Seeley,  
Dale Ryden, Joe Barcus

**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@mlgj.org\*\*](mailto:admin@mlgj.org) & [\*\*sec@mlgj.org\*\*](mailto: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, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, *Lisa Moore, Tom Moore,* Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, *Bill & Deborah Stacy,* Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, *Gary.*

*Nickie Wilke (Cancer FREE).*

**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, Diana Walcher.

**Continue to fight cancer:** Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Arthur Kluegel, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers,* Loretta Siilata, Skogen.

**Home Hospice Care:** Kathleen Michels, **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**

**High School Students**

**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:**

27-Jul Charles Johnson, Jake Krelovich

28-Jul Cynthia L. Haynes

29-Jul Martin Gaines, Becky McAvoy

30-Jul William J. Mello

31-Jul Ryker M. Bish, Adeline Lampe,  
Isaac Bizer

1-Aug John B. O'Connor

2-Aug Nathan L. Rockwood

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

*Grant and Jennifer Shahan (19)*

*Nathan and Nafine Mauser (4)*



## CALENDAR FOR THE Week of **July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Divine Service
<b>7/27</b>	10:30 am	Education Hour
6:00 pm		Sipping/Searching

<b>Monday</b>	6 pm	Scouts- MPR
<b>7/28</b>		

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am	Quilt Ladies- FH
<b>7/29</b>		

<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am	Chapel
	6:00 pm	Contemplation Service
<b>7/30</b>		

<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>7/31</b>		

<b>Friday</b>		
<b>8/1</b>		

<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 am	Open Gym
<b>8/2</b>	2:00 pm	Isaiah Bible Study
		@ 2267 Tanglewood Rd

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
<b>8/3</b>	10:30 am	Education Hour
	6:00 pm	Sipping/Searching

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**INCOME FOR THE PERIOD:** July 17th thru July 23rd

Weekly Donations **\$17,537.00**

Month to Date **\$48,937.00**

Weekly Need **\$22,430.00**

Monthly Need **\$89,720.00**

\*\*\*→ YTD Actual Income **\$48,937.00**

\*\*\*→ YTD Budget Income: **\$67,290.00**

\*\*\*→ YTD difference: **-\$18,353.00**

ATTENDANCE: Wed 7/16/2025- 9 Sun. 7/21/2025- 145

**Many Hands Make for Light Work: Volunteers needed to help with Messiah's "AUDIT". Please sign-up in the Narthex – Pastor**

### **Kids Connection/Sunday School**

Kids Connection is on break for summer. We will begin again when school starts on **Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**. Are you interested in being part of the Kids Connection team?! **Please contact DCE Jonathan to sign up!** We are currently working on getting a team of eight leaders. Leaders will rotate; each leader will be scheduled for one week every other month.

**The Pregnancy Center & Birthright Update-** By welcoming a new case manager TPC is one step closer to reaching their goal of becoming a medical pregnancy center. They are very thankful for our support and ask that we continue to pray for them to receive the right medical training and resources needed to bring this vision to completeness.

### **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 at any time. 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**

**National Youth Gathering-** We had ten youth, adults and a young adult volunteer who attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 19 - 23, 2025. Thank you for keeping all of these participants in your prayers. Youth: G.G. Ammon, Cal Diedrich, Shiloh Dimmick, Ken Dimmick, Aaliyah Gonzales, Espy Gonzalez. Adults: Rachel Ammon, Orin Dimmick, DCE Jonathan Peterson. Young Adult Volunteer (YAV): Makayla Peck.

Join us for worship on August 3rd as the youth and adults share their experiences.

**Meat the Freshmen - Thursday, August 21st from p.m. to p.m.** on the CMU campus. Meat the Freshmen is a free dinner for all CMU students. If you are a CMU student or know a CMU student, please spread the word. All are invited!

**CHURCH MEMBERS: Volunteers are also needed to help serve.** Around 1000 steaks and many side dishes will be served. Most of the food has been coordinated already; however, if you

would like to make a donation to help offset other costs or volunteer to help serve, **please contact DCE Jonathan** [dce@mlgj.org](mailto:dce@mlgj.org).

**LCMS Foundation Gift Planning-** We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Will my plans preserve what I have gathered or give it away? If you have been careful about stewarding God's gifts, you don't want those things wasted after you depart. Sharing a statement with those who will take over that stewardship in your place may be a very wise and rewarding experience, allowing you to share your faith. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin thinking about what you would share.

**Contact Jason Jones at** [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) **or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.**

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

**Luke2 Project-** We'll be taking orders for Luke 2 shirts through the month of August. **Please see DCE Jonathan** if you would like to place an order. [Click Here](#) to view a variety of options.

Have you heard of the Danner Dozen? It's named after a man who always keeps a dozen Luke 2 shirts in his car. When he meets someone who says, "Hey, nice shirt!" He replies with, "Thanks! Would you like one?" Do you struggle with approaching strangers with the Gospel? Let the shirt do the work for you? Do you have a neighbor who needs to hear the Christmas story? Give them the gift of Jesus this year! **Please see Arliss Bridget or DCE Jonathan with any questions or if you need help taking a picture.**

**Women's Bible Study of "Chosen, a study of Esther" by Donna Snow.-** "New" 8-week Saturday Morning bible study will begin on **Saturday, Sept 20th 9 am to 11 am**. Since we have been on an extended vacation. We will begin at the beginning of the study. For some it may be a review, for others it will be a "new" study. Mark your calendars from **Saturday, Sept 20 thru Saturday, November 8th from 9-11**

The book "Chosen" by Donna Snow may be purchased Concordia Publishing House (CPH) or contact **Lynn Jolley @ 970-234-2323** to find out how to order locally.

Any other thoughts or questions please contact **Beth Weber @ 970-361- 0794**. Thank you, Lynn, Mary, and Ailene, for filling in the early part of the summer.

**LWML MITES-** Mite boxes are used to collect money for mission work. Twenty-Five percent of all mite offerings are sent to the national LWML to support international mission projects, while the remaining seventy-five percent supports mission projects within our district. These funds help further God's kingdom through carefully selected projects, chosen by delegates at both district and national conventions. Place your mite box wherever you're likely to fill in, on your desk, kitchen counter, laundry room shelf, or even your car. You might consider giving a mite box to a friend or family member to encourage their participation.