



Faith That Endures: The Door is Open-Enter Now!

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

August 24th, 2025

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501 970-
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**The 11th Sunday After Pentecost
(August 24, 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.

Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

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.**

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 Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 50:1-15

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

⁴He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!

⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

⁹I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹²“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.

¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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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, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,

so shall your offspring and your name remain.
²³From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

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

Epistle

Hebrews 12:4-29

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.
⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,
¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For

you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Handbells *Holy God We Praise Thy Name/To God Be the Glory* arr. Kimball
Debbie Boydston, Brittany Markert, Sue Morris, Jan Weich

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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Verse

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

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Alleluia

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

LSB 205

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

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

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

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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 Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread
and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to
drink.**

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Sit

Kids' Time

583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

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Sermon *Faith That Endures: The Door Is Open—Enter Now!*

Isaiah 66:24 & Luke 13:24

Stand

Offering

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

sts. 1, 5

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more
lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break-ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly
 sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the
 vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 splen-dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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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

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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.

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 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

Pax Domini John 20:19

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

Agnus Dei John 1:29

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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.

Sit

Distribution

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808–58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

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549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

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C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'ly 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.

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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.**

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, abr.

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Reflection Questions

Faith That Endures: The Door Is Open—Enter Now!

Isaiah 66:24 & Luke 13:24

1. When life feels chaotic, like a building filling with smoke, what “exits” do people around you run toward — and how do those lead to dead ends instead of life?
2. How does the image of Jesus as the only open door change the way you think about Christianity — not as keeping people out, but as welcoming everyone to safety?
3. Isaiah describes both the horror of judgment and the beauty of new creation. Which picture feels more real to you right now — and why?
4. If hell is the burning building we’ve made for ourselves, how does it change things to realize that God Himself came into the fire to carry us out?
5. What step can you take this week to “enter through the door” — to trust Jesus more fully, or to invite someone else to see that the door is open for them too?

Pastor: Mike Redeker

Elders: Victor Lozano, John O'Connor

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Acolytes: Rylan Dimmick, Tucker Klein

Ushers: Jay Johnson, Korrey Klein, Matt

Meyer, Jeremy Skoog

Organist: Marylin Smith

Greeters: NEED VOLUNTEERS

PRAYER REQUESTS— *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to admin@mlgi.org & sec@mlgi.org

Messiah's Prayer List

Continued health and healing: Chris

Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann
Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene &
Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, *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:

24-Aug Carolyn K. Baker, Steven L. Hagedorn,
Spencer J. Rockwell
26-Aug Birgit Morris, Micah Nesbit
27-Aug Jeremy P. Skoog, Gianna Kate Soriano
28-Aug Glacia A. Peck, Bob F. Weiss
30-Aug Julie A. McEndree

Wedding Anniversaries:

*Darrel and Darlene Clark (71)
Scott and Lisa Mauser (28)*

**CALENDAR FOR THE Week of
August 24th, 2025**

Sunday 8/24	9:00 am 10:30 am 0 am 10:30 am 0 am 6:00 pm	Worship, Communion, Livestream Education Hour Battle Ready Mod (Computer Rm) Sipping/Searchin g
Monday 8/25	5:30 pm pm 6:00 pm	Battle Ready World R. (Library) Scouts (MPR)
Tuesday 8/26	9:00 am	Quilt Ladies-FH
Wednesday 8/27	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Chapel Contemplative Worship Service
Thursday 8/28		
Friday 8/29		
Saturday 8/30	7:30 am 2:00 pm	Open Gym Isaiah Bible Study

Sunday 8/31	9:00 am 10:30 am 0 am 10:30 am 0 am 6:00 pm	Worship, Communion, Livestream Education Hour Battle Ready Mod (Computer Rm) Sipping/Searchin g
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

OF August 24th, 2025

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD:

August 14th - August 20th

Weekly	\$22,900.1	Month	\$78,302.6
Donation	7	to	5
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	difference:		

ATTENDANCE: Wed 8/20/2025- 11
Sun. 8/17/2025- 207

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 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. A Kids Connection Superintendent would be

amazing as well! Responsibilities would include meeting with DCE Jonathan to discuss curriculum, creating a schedule of leaders and being available as needed to substitute.

Altar Care Sign Up is available in the narthex for September-December communion services. We are trying a weekly sign up to allow for more flexibility for volunteers. Of course you can still write your name in for every week in a month but you may prefer to serve one time each month or as your schedule allows. We are in need of Sunday clean up volunteers during this time period. This is a great time to invite more people who are interested in serving in this way to contact me as well-- I would be happy to tell you more about it. Please **contact Eileen Johnson #303-304-4342** with any questions.

Our church has helped with the **Operation Christmas Child** boxes for years and it's that time of year again! We wanted to reach out and encourage all to **take advantage of the back-to-school sales**; many of the items that are on sale for students are excellent for the boxes. We wanted to remind everyone that you don't have to pack a whole box, we (as a church) pack collectively, meaning just donate what you can, and we will fill as many boxes as possible. Some help by donating money to go towards the shipping costs of \$10 per box. There will be more information to come but if you have questions you can call Arliss Bridgett 970-270-3517, ask Kathy Hollatz or Cyndi Haynes or check online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> Thanks!

Luke2 Project - SHIRTS FOR SALE 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! We'll be taking orders

for Luke 2 shirts through September 21st. Please see DCE Jonathan if you would like to place an order.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. LWML focuses on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Each woman here at Messiah is a part of LWML. So join in Sunday Aug 31st, **bringing loose change for the Mite Box**. Mite Box contributions account to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. Here at Messiah, we collect Mite Boxes every last Sunday of the month! Please pick up a little box in the Narthex.

Commented [S2]: Leave in until notified by Vic Lozano

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study: Bible Study will begin on September 2nd at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with Psalm 1,2, and 3. Did you know that those 3 Psalms are closely connected to each other? Our first look will be how they are connected then; we will look at each Psalm individually. After that study we will look at some "Scandalous Stories" concerning Jesus's parables. The first story will be based on Luke 7:36-50, titled "**Every Pharisee Needs a Prostitute.**" How is that for a teaser?

Commented [S1]: Leave in for month of August

The 2025 LWML Rocky Mountain District Retreat will take place Sept 5-7th, 2025 in Glorieta, NM. For more information or to sign up, please contact: Belinda Burmeister, LWML Retreat Chairman Rocky Mountain District 713-419-1691, belindalwml@gmail.com

Adult Choir – Messiah's Adult Choir will begin **rehearsals Sept 9th, 2025** (Tuesday) at 7:00 pm – 7:50 pm in the church balcony. We will be singing for Worship Service on the 2nd Sunday of each month and for special celebration seasons (Christmas and Easter). Please feel free to contact Dona Ramsey at the church if you have any questions. Come join us as we fellowship together and praise our God in song.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Wednesday morning Bible study will resume **September 10th**. Please note the date change. Join us at 9:30am each Wednesday as we look at 3:16. How does each book of the Bible points to Jesus in chapter 3 verse 16?

CMU Sunday Dinner - September 14th Messiah has signed up to host the CMU dinner at Four Winds Coffee Shop on September 14th. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. We are in need of ingredients for a pasta dish, bread, salad and dessert. We are also in need of volunteers to make the dinner Sunday afternoon (around 4pm), setup/serve the dinner (around 5pm) and clean up after. We should be finished by 8pm. If you can't make it the entire night, shifts are welcome as well! *A point person is needed too.* Ideas for dinner and all the details you'll need will be provided. Or you're welcome to create your own menu. Being a point person/coordinator would entail getting volunteers, advertising and making sure supplies are dropped off. You could be one of the volunteers on the night of the dinner or just coordinate others. The students of CMU are very appreciative of all the dinners that have been provided by congregations and campus ministries in the valley.

High School Bible Study All high school youth are invited to a new Bible study on Sunday mornings. We'll begin on September 14th in room 340, the upstairs north east classroom (Mrs. Skoog's temporary class, the future art room this year and Ms. Mead's room last year). Invite a friend!

Saturday morning Women's Bible Study will commence again on Saturday morning September 20 and each Saturday through November 8 from 9:00am to 10:30am in the church Library. We will begin the study of,

"Chosen, A Study of Esther", by Donna Snow. The book is available through Concordia Publishing or you are able to purchase it locally by contacting Lynn Jolly for more information. I am looking forward to "reconnecting" with you. Have questions or comments, contact Beth Weber at weber4342@gmail.com.

The **LWML Fall Rally** will be held in Gypsum, CO this year, Saturday Sept 27th from 8:30am – 1:30 pm. All are welcome! If you need a ride or would like to drive and carpool, please contact Laura Ryden 970-260-6766.

Youth Nights - High School & Middle School

Youth Nights are back! Keep watch for an email from DCE Jonathan. Families will host. We'll have an activity, devotion and food! All youth are invited. Friends too! Keep watch for the schedule. High school and a Middle School will have their own separate nights!

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@lfind.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**.

Volunteer Opportunity Stocker Stadium hosts many events for the valley. People park at Messiah and give donations. Church members are encouraged to sign up to help monitor the parking lot and collect donations. Please sign up with **DCE Jonathan** for one, a few or all of the events listed below. More events will be posted as information is received.

September 12th (Friday) 6pm Fruita Monument High School

Homecoming

September 18th (Thursday) 7pm Central High School

Homecoming

September 25th (Thursday) 7pm Grand Junction High

School Homecoming

October 25th (Saturday) 2pm CMU vs. Fort Lewis

Volunteers are needed to welcome kids to school from 7:40AM – 8:00AM throughout the school year. Please contact the front office (sec@mlgj.org) if you would like to volunteer for one or more days a week.