

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



**September 27, 2026**

***Formed to Think This Lord Together***



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## Divine Service 4

## 593 See This Wonder in the Making

1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -  
 2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the  
 3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more  
 4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we

self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His  
 door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-  
 car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we  
 take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or

keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
 lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
 place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.  
 daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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## Holy Baptism

Carmel Diane Lucille Miller (b. June 20, 2026)

Parents: David & Carmel McGee Miller

Rev. Tom Miller (Carmel's Grandfather) conducting the Baptismal Rite

*Stand*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of

Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses each candidate:*

P How are you named?

R Carmel Diane Lucille Miller

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

P Carmel Diane Lucille Miller receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your T forehead and upon your T heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, in Your judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet in mercy You preserved Noah and his family. You drowned Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through on dry ground—foreshadowing this washing of Holy Baptism.

Through the Baptism of Your Son in the Jordan, You made holy and set apart all waters to be a blessed flood and a washing away of sin.

We pray that You would look with mercy upon Carmel and grant true faith, that all sin in her may be drowned and die, and that she be kept safe in the holy ark of the Church, to serve You with a joyful hope and be brought to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*[\* 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.]*

### 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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even T forevermore.

C **Amen.**

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:*

Carmel, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

*The Apostles' 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)*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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 everlasting?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Carmel, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

- P Carmel Diane Lucille Miller, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

- P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.
- C **Amen.**

*The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:*

- P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

- P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:*

- A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Carmel the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*One or more of the following collects may also be prayed.*

**P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of this child entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture her that she may attain to the full stature intended for her in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace T be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*All return to their places.*

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Psalm**

*Psalm 25:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

**let not my enemies exult over me.**

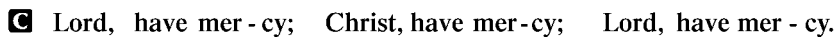
<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

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**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a

crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

#### Alleluia

*LSB 205*



#### Verse

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#### Alleluia

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#### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23–27*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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*Sit*

## **Kids' Time**

**655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
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## Sermon *Formed to Think This Lord Together*

Philippians 2:5, 12-13

*Stand*

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## 826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

*sts. 1, 4*

1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"

Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
 While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.

Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
 Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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## Prayer of the Church      1Timothy 2:1-4

*Sit*

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## Service of the Sacrament

*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.*

*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** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**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.**

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## 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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## Distribution

## 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Text: Johann Jacob Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

## 597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

## 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

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

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

*LSB 211*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

**660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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## **One mind as we go forward**

Christ has given this congregation more than one field of work — Word and Sacrament, school, families finding their way, neighbors and students who may only be listening. One mind is not identical opinions. It is thinking *this Lord* together so those works stay one ministry. Satan does not need a spectacle to stop that. He splits the soul of the church into two: two poles, scorekeeping, murmur when no one official is in the room, a dream of the church we used to be or the church we should be that loves the ideal picture of the church more than the people who are actually here. The devil tries to startle us when the room is smaller than memory. He turns “work out your salvation” into an accusation: earn it, do it alone, or prove you belong.

The cross stops him. Jesus did not clutch rank or high position. Rather, Jesus did the opposite. He emptied Himself and went to a death — and that, on a cross. The Father named Him Lord. That is *the mind* we are given, not a mind we manufacture. God works in us both the willing and the working. So we listen before we score. We look also to the other’s work. We give thanks for the people who are here, and we go forward as one people under one Name. Jesus Christ is Lord. We are His.

## **Reflection Questions**

### **For everyone**

When you catch yourself loving a picture of this church more than the people actually here, what are you clutching — and what would it mean to think this Lord toward them instead?

### **For youth**

Where do you feel like this church already belongs to someone else? What would change if “work out your salvation” meant you already belong in this people’s life with Jesus, not that you have to earn a place first?

### **For Gen Z**

Where are you still waiting for Christians to get their act together before you come all the way in? What if the mind of Christ is not a dream church, but this Lord standing between you and the ones who kept score?

### **For the spiritually curious**

If “work out your salvation” is not “earn it alone,” what would it cost you to let God work the willing and the working in a real congregation — messy, plural, already claimed by a Crucified Lord?

## **Messiah's Safety Team**

Many of you are aware of the safety team's existence, however you may not be aware of its organization (Administrative, Safety & Medical), accomplishments and activities. Following is a brief summary of the team's work over the past year. A cadre of current and retired medical professions has been organized to respond to any medical situation. Well-marked first aid stations have been installed in the church narthex and in the kitchen that contain a complete set of standard first aid equipment, mobile first aid packs and tourniquets. Additionally, a new AED cardiac defibrillator has been purchased and is located on the east wall of the narthex by the ushers' closet. The teachers have been asked to provide a list of items needed for the individual first aid kits in each classroom that needed to be replaced or updated.

Team members met with the Grand Junction Fire Department to inspect the building and address the Fire Marshall's concerns. As a result of this, several "daisy-chained" surge protectors in the choir loft and music room have been replaced to eliminate fire hazards. Burned out or defective safety lights in the school corridor, fellowship hall and elevator have been replaced. We installed room numbers on both sides of the doors in all the classrooms. offices. storage rooms and closets so that anyone can stay in the room and tell emergency personnel which room they are in. Plugs have been installed in vacant slots of the electrical fuse boxes and a "KNOXBOX" has been installed on the exterior of the church. so fire and law enforcement personnel have access to a master key in case of an emergency.

We assisted in the installation of cameras and setting up an app that allows Safety Team members to monitor the cameras on their cell phones during services. A schedule has been established for Safety Team members to be present during each church service. We worked with safety experts and electrical contractors to install improved lighting around our campus to help eliminate safety hazards for students and church/school staff. This has also helped reduce vagrancy incidents at the church and school grounds.

The team meets monthly to discuss issues and new procedures and conduct monthly Safety Team procedures at a local shooting range to train and maintain concealed carry standards. We have joined the Mesa County Church Safety Network (MCCSN) to receive and distribute notices about incidents at local churches. We have attended MCCSN seminars to exchange information with other local church safety teams and to hear nationally renowned speakers. We will be participating in an intensive two day seminar and training conference this September 18 and 19 conducted by the MCCSN.

**Pastor:** Mike Redeker  
**Elders:** Victor Lozano, David Miller, Ray Seeley, John O'Connor  
**DCE:** Jonathan Peterson  
**Acolytes:** Jasper Ammon, Rylan Dimmick

**Ushers:** Jack Messenger, Oliver Messenger, Gage Peck, Korrey Klein  
**Organist:** Mason Genke  
**Greeters:**

**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

#### Birth Announcements:

**Continued health and healing:** Chris Ballard, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, Linda Currey, Carol Haller, Jimmie Kenner and family, Carrie Lamgo, Jack Messenger, Jess Messenger, Tom Moore, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Bill & Deborah Stacy, Shane Walz, Jeff Vagneur, Rick Shaper, Joanie Lozano, Edie, Whinnie, Mark Ackermann, Brent Allred, Dan Crabtree, Jennifer Oien, Jennifer Oien's friend Alietta, Darlene Johnson's Family, Mike Merry

**Fighting serious diseases:** Sharon Breshears, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Diana Walcher, John Moseman Jr., Sue Morris

**Continue to fight cancer:** 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, Karen Shoda, Connie Vazquez, Morgan Stewart, Jane Withee

#### Home Hospice Care:

#### Called Home:

**Serving in the military:** Jake Bradshaw, Jack Eberhard, Elijah and Rachael Messenger, 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-Sep Richie Ashcraft, Elle Diedrich, Carol Nerverve, Greg Larson  
28-Sep Noah Hirons  
29-Sep Isabelle Johnson  
1-Oct Mary Ann Bradshaw, Sarah Nisley, Mary Redeker, Lisa Skoog  
2-Oct Tara Morris  
3-Oct Bill Buxman, Daphne Moore

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

*Garrett and Torrey Anderson (16)*

*Ken and Linda Currey (59)*

*Steven and Emily Johnson (12)*