# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 25, 2013 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

## PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

**SHUT-INS**: Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Florence B.

<u>OTHERS</u>: Tammy W., Wilma P., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Karl and Margaret G., Sarah D., Clara S., Justin T., Connor L., Carol D., Don and Arlene D., Darlene Y., Arielle D., Wib T., Sarah S., Bill S., Gwen S., Troy B., Riley C., Allen H., Harry W., Esther L., Joan F., Rick V., Brian M. and family, Michael S., and Trent P.

#### **PREPARATION**

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

INTRODUCTION

Remember the Sabbath day. Call the Sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

- \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
  - P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit
  - C Amen
  - P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
  - C Amen
  - P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

- P Gracious God.
- C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- C Amen.
- SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE
  - P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
  - C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: "Peace be with you."

#### **GATHERING**

- \* ENTRANCE HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
- \* GRFFTING
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.
- \* KYRIE (sung)

P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.
P Chri-ste, e-le-i-son: C Christ, have mer-cy.
P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest:

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

- \* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)
  - P The Lord be with you

- C And also with you.
- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### WORD

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 58:9b-14

# THE LESSON READS:

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8 (Responsively)

L – The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

5who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

8LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

# ALL – The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

# SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 12:18-29

# THE LESSON READS:

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and 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, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At 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 heaven." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)
Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al-le-lu-ia. You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu—ia. Al-le-lu—ia.

Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the Sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "Sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

\* GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

# THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON Pastor Esborn

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"
- \* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') (all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING OFFERTORY

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

SPECIAL MUSIC

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gather a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

# \* OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P Deliver your church from all that binds and limits. Free us to boldly proclaim the gospel and seek the truth. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Bestow on your creation ample rain and an abundant harvest. Cultivate in us a fresh respect and a deep humility for the environment. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Uphold the oppressed, liberate those in bondage, and strengthen those who labor under the yoke of repressive government. Free us to work for justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Rescue all in harm's way, sustain the poor and hungry, heal those who are ill or afflicted (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Wilma Pyles, Dorothy Patterson, Audrey Landis, Josh Beitz, George and Lorraine Hazard, Karl and Margaret Guss, Sarah Dressler, Clara Schlegel, Justin Tabb, Connor Lauver, Carol Dasen, Don and Arlene DeLauter, Darlene Yutzy, Arielle Dougherty, Wib Taylor, Sarah Shellenberger, Bill Stoner, Gwen Swisher, Reba Sigler, Troy Burd, Riley Cooper, Allen Hall, Harry Woltman, Esther Long, Joan Nace Foltz, Rick Varner, Brian Marshall and family, and Michael Slagle, and Trent Phillips). Free us to be your hands of love and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Save us from lives and schedules filled with too much activity. Free us to be a Sabbath people who take time for worship, rest, and renewal. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Gather us at the last with all your saints and bring us in awe and joy to your unshakeable kingdom, the heavenly Jerusalem. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### C Amen

- \* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] (all)
  - P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
  - C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

#### \* BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)
- \* CLOSING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#### MEAL

- \* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)
  - P Let us give thanks to the Lord.
  - C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.
  - P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.
  - C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.
  - P Let us come to his table with joy,
  - C for we come as God's invited guests!

# \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

## C Amen.

(In hospitality and attempting to meet the needs of individuals, Messiah now offers gluten free communion hosts. If you wish to receive gluten free hosts, please come to the side where Pastor Esborn is serving).

# **DISTRIBUTION**

["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

#### \* COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

# C Amen

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

#### C Amen

- \* DISMISSAL
  - P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
  - C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner

# **WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the green portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping 8with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Sam Zeiders by Dot Zeiders and family.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – G. K. Chesterton, English Christian Writer (1874 – 1936): A man was meant to be doubtful of himself but undoubting about the truth. This has been exactly reversed.

# **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN WILL BE UPDATED – The current Prayer Chain will be deactivated and a new one started. If you would like to receive emails for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie Kint at <a href="mailto:dskint@nmax.net">dskint@nmax.net</a>. A new phone chain will also be established. If you wish to receive phone calls for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie at 436-6341. MESSIAH IS IN NEED of a new treasurer to replace Ken Eyler after his many years of service. If you would like details, please contact Executive Director Guy Dillman or Pastor Esborn.

QUIET COMMUNION – Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. (during June, July and August), a Quiet Communion Service will be held in the Jr. Church/Showers Class Room for those who are unable to attend on Sundays during the summer. Pastor Esborn, Jim Bahorik and Andrea Cameron will be presiding over these services.

EARLY SUMMER SERVICES will continue through September 1, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. Regular 10:30 a.m. worship services will resume on September 8, 2013 with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

"THE NEEDLERS" will continue their sewing project on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in helping to make patch quilts for local and World Relief, please come and join us!

A BIBLE STUDY ON LUTHERANISM 101 will be held beginning on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. and Monday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room near the Library. Material is from the Concordia Publishing House and the text for the class will cost \$20.00 and can be found at <a href="LUTHERANISM 101"><u>LUTHERANISM 101 text Amazon</u></a> and in <a href="Kindle Edition">Kindle Edition</a>. Anyone wanting to join Messiah as their church home can use this course as their new member class. **Please contact the church office at 436-6213 if you wish to attend so materials can be ordered.** 

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael "Doc" Johnston at 436-9209, or Cynthia Smith at 436-8512.

# **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

SOAP PROJECT: "**Rub-a-dub-dub**, **let's fill the tub!**" Women of the ELCA are collecting new bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of any brand soap in its original wrapping (boxes are accepted) for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the wash tub in the Adult Sunday School Room.

SEAFARERS PROJECT - Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Christmas gift set through October. Please place collected items below on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room:

- --casual T-shirts, medium & large (no slogans, etc.)
- --sweat shirts, large & extra-large
- -- 3 pairs of socks
- -- 1 heavy knit winter cap

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS (until the beginning of October) – Now is the time to be watching for the start of school sales for items for our school kits at stores like Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and Target. Items needed:

- --4 (70 sheet) notebooks, 8 x 10½ wide or college ruled paper "no loose leaf paper"
- --1 (30 centimeter) ruler or one with cm. on one side and inches on the other
- --5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- --5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- -- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

Place any items on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you would rather give money for these items, you may give it to Cynthia Smith or any other WELCA member.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Meeting will consist of putting together the numerous kits that we will be sending to Lutheran World Relief in October. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. Cynthia Smith and Linda Leister will provide light refreshments.

# COMMUNITY

# **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST**

FRESH PRODUCE AND ANY OTHER FOODS,
BABY WASH, DIAPER RASH OINTMENT, WIPES, DIAPERS (SIZES 4-6), PULL-UPS (ALL SIZES),
PAPER PRODUCTS (PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER, AND TISSUES)

WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL STORES

PLASTIC AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE <u>ALWAYS</u> NEEDED

PHONE: 436-9718 – CONTACT: KATHY QUEITZSCH ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 44, 114 N. MAIN ST., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059 HOURS: MON/WED 2:00-6:00 PM, SAT 9:00-1:00 MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer drivers, cooks and people to help assemble meals. If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

WANTED: Dish washer at the Juniata County Fair Port Royal Lutheran Church Stand, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>. Stand will also be open Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a paid position with free admission to the fair grounds and all the food you can eat at Port Royal Lutheran Church Fair Stand! Please call Tierney Hostler at 527-4433 or Pam Pray at 527-2742 for more information, or you may reply to the following email: <a href="mailto:prparish@embargmail.com">prparish@embargmail.com</a>.

# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

**Today:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.

-9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.

**Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday:** -OFFICE CLOSED (during July & August).

-6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.

Sunday: -Last early service for the summer.

-9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.

-Music & Worship Committee meeting following worship service.