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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 3, 2014 – 9:15 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

SHUT-INS: Marian G., Reba S., Kitty W., Flo B., Ethel B., Jean M., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B.

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the Eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

* 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* GREETING

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, 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 **Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORD

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 55:1-5

THE LESSON READS:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (**Responsively**)

L – *You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

ALL – You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans 9:1-5

THE LESSON READS:

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

* GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may

go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

* 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

Jane Elizabeth Rady

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, 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 Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Incline your ear and come to us, gracious and merciful God. Raise up among our congregations strong leaders to guide mission work (especially Bread for the World), so that everyone who hungers is fed. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P The earth flourishes in your steadfast love and care. Open your hand to satisfy the desire of every living thing, and have compassion over all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In this war-torn world, the thirst for justice and peace is never quenched. We pray for those who live under tyranny (especially). Watch over them and be near to all who call upon your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P When we are falling, hold us up; when we are bowed down with grief or loneliness, raise us up; when we are hungry, fill us; when we are sick, heal us. We remember (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Dorothy Patterson, Sarah Shellenberger, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jesse Kint, Robert St. Clair, Sr., Victoria Ricedorf, Allison Garver, Jim Woltman, Charlene Aughey, Travis Zeiders, Karen Clements, Robert Reynolds, John Miller, Brenda Brothers, Carol Sheesley Spigelmyer, Warren Mumma, Ron Zellers, Jean Compton, Jessen Abram, Brandon Becker, Ed Forney, Luke Davis). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Accompany all those experiencing life transitions: those pursuing new studies; those who are retiring; and those moving to new communities. Give them the courage to embrace change and flourish in their new roles. Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We pray for our sisters and brothers in the Lutheran Church in Liberia, for their pastors, deacons, and catechists, and for Bishop D. Jensen Seyenkulo (sigh-YEN-coo-low). Strengthen them in faith, and help them share your good news. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P With gratitude for their loving witness and faith-filled lives, we remember those who have died. Receive the praise of all those who call upon your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Randy Clark

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Stoner

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 worshipping

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 loving memory of Richard Nace by Carole, Heidi, and Jennifer and families.

WE WELCOME Jane Elizabeth Rady as our special music this morning. Jane is a lyric coloratura soprano with extensive choral, opera, and solo experience. She has sung as a chorus member with London Symphony Orchestra, the Kirov Orchestra, and the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra at Avery Fisher Hall all under the direction of Valery Gergiev, and in the Mostly Mozart Festival in New York City, with the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra under the direction of Louis Langree. With the Mark Morris Dance Group which uses only live orchestra and chorus, she has sung in the chorus of L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato many times, and in performances of Purcell's Dido and Aeneas and Virgil Thomson's Four Saints in Three Acts for the group's 25th Anniversary Season. As soloist and section leader at St. Paul's Riverside Episcopal Church in Riverside, Ct, Jane has performed as soloist in many sacred works including the Poulenc Gloria, Faure Requiem, Rutter Requiem, Mozart Vesperae solennes de confessore, Buxtehude Magnificat, Handel's Messiah, Bach St. Matthew Passion, and has sung the role of the Mother in the church's production of Amahl and the Night Visitors. Additionally, Jane is a member of the Bond Street Euterpean Singing Society (BESS), the Arts group in residence at the Merchant House Museum, where they perform regularly in their Salon Music Series. BESS specializes in presenting the music of the 19th century as one would hear in the parlors of New York society of the day. Jane attended the Hartt School of Music as a flute major, an instrument she still plays, and opted to study voice upon her arrival in New York City in 1998 where she currently resides with her toy poodle Henri and various and sundry Maine Coon cats....

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 – Bruce Kemper, College President: Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, has been given at least one spiritual gift.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at dskint@nmax.net. If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

WEDNESDAY EVENING "INFORMAL COMMUNION" will be held during the summer months at 6:30 p.m. for those who cannot make it to services on Sunday mornings and still wish to partake of the Lord's Supper.

THANK YOU – "Dear VBS children and staff....thank you for your donation to Juniata Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. on July 25, 2014. As you may know, Juniata Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. was organized to deliver prepared meals to home-bound residents of Juniata County. Your support will aid us in furthering our goals. Again, thank you for your support."

Sincerely,
Juniata Meals on Wheels, Inc.
Diane Marshall, Treasurer

PLEASE, if you open a window in the church at times other than normal church times, please be sure to close the window before you leave the building. We do not want to have rain or people getting into the church.

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

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4oz. to 5oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE WELCA SYNODICAL CONVENTION will again be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, August 2, 2014. See Barb Geedey for registration forms if you are interested in attending or have questions pertaining to the event. The cost is \$40.00 for a brunch and lunch plus the use of the facility and speakers. **NOTE: We are collecting small nail clippers (with or without files) to take to the Synod Convention.** Target and K-Mart are two places that have them for a good price.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA are collecting items for the School Kits during July, August and September. We are asking for help from the congregation for the following items:

- 300 notebooks (with 70 sheets of paper per notebook), wide-or-college-ruled, 8 x 10½ inches (no loose-leaf paper) (4 notebooks go with each kit)
- 75-30 centimeter rulers or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 75 pencil sharpeners
- 75 blunt scissors
- 375 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

- 375 ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 75 boxes of 16-24 crayons
- 75 (2½ inch) erasers

We already have the 75 bags that are needed to fill with the items listed above. Wal-Mart is presently selling notebooks for 25 cents a piece. Donated items may be placed on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE NEXT MEETING OF MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will be Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Meeting will consist of short devotions and putting together the personal care kits.

COMMUNITY

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).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST

FRESH PRODUCE AND ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOODS;
BABY WASH/SHAMPOO, DIAPER RASH OINTMENT, WIPES,
LOTION AND OTHER BABY CARE ITEMS

*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH, AND
GIFT CARDS FOR LOCAL GROCERY AND DISCOUNT STORES

*WE ALWAYS NEED PLASTIC AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS

HELP STILL NEEDED:

Backpack Program – Wed. and Sat. 1-5

Computer Expert – flexible hours. Especially need someone familiar with Access Program and updating to Windows 8

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Closed on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

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Our vestibule is open to receive donations 24 hours a day!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (during July & August).
-6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.