

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 20, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Helen C., Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Arlene M., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Kevin R., Mary Martha G., Avonel and Rick W., Paul W., Bob C., JoAnna C., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Helen K., Steve W., Linda R., Jesse K., Dorothy C., Steve B., Jean Zeb B., Kitty W., Deb E., Tammy P., George, & Mary Lorraine H. and family., and family of Tad T.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord you God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.*

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*P Holy and healing God,*

**C** we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.  
**Amen**

*P* Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross + your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world.

**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 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

\* GREETING

*P* The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**C - sung**)

*P* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (**sung**)

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (**spoken in unison**)

P *Let us pray...*

C **Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

FIRST READING

A reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

THE LESSON READS:

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. <sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 (responsively)

L Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes. (Ps. 119:33)

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**<sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

**ALL Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.**

*Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

<sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup>Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup>and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup>So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all belong to you, <sup>23</sup>and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

\* THE VERSE (sung to the tune of "Rise, O Children of Salvation")

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.*

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

*P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Built on a Rock"

\* APOSTLES' CREED (all)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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].*

ANTHEM

"Christ Is With Us"

arr. By Benjamin Harlan

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.*

**C Amen**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.*

*A brief silence.*

*P That the church may be a temple of God's presence, built upon the foundation of Christ and united in our one baptism, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That the leaders of nations serve with honesty and justice, honoring our neighbors in all circumstances of life, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That in our call to holy living we treat your gifts of land and natural resources with dignity and concern for the health of all creation, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That you teach us to love and forgive even our enemies, and that you open our hearts to the needs of those seeking food, shelter, or health (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Kevin Reynolds, Mary Martha Gilbert, Avonel and Rick Waller, Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, JoAnna Cameron, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Ruth Crist, Sue Collins, Helen Coder, Helen Knox, Steve Welshonse, Linda Rhine, Jesse Kint, Dorothy Cleck, Steve Bahorik, Jean Zeb Berry, Kitty Walters, Deb Esborn, Tammy Page, George and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, and family of Tad Treaster), let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That you bless the ministries of this congregation (especially), that your welcome and hospitality may lead us to love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Unite us, with all your saints, in life and death, in the present and future, until we worship with them in your eternal temple. Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.*

**C Amen.**

- \* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] **(all)**
  - 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**

- \* BLESSING
  - P God the Father, the Majestic Glory; God the Son, the Morning Star; and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, bless you and + grant you peace.*
  - C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)**

- \* CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

## MEAL

- \* COMMUNION DIALOG (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 O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.*
  
  - When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
  
  - You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.
  
  - 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 his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### 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 Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms and nourished us as your dear children. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**C Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark

#### **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 with 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) worshipping 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.

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 – Abraham Lincoln in his Second Inaugural Address: "Both (North and South) read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other."

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to submit the weekly Messiah Herald article for the newspaper. There are currently four individuals who submit the article each week. Each person is responsible for 3 months of the year. It can be completed at home on a computer and submitted to The Times and Juniata Sentinel via email: [thetimes@nmax.net](mailto:thetimes@nmax.net) and [csmith@juniata-sentinel.com](mailto:csmith@juniata-sentinel.com). Coverage is needed for the months of February, June and October. Anyone who is interested can call the church office at 436-6213.

THE 2011 CAMPING BROCHURES and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or on our church website under the "publications" tab. Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 15<sup>th</sup> for the early discount.

PHONE BOOK – If anyone has a recent (not current) Harrisburg phone directory they could donate to the church office, it would be greatly appreciated.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD! Messiah's adult choir is in need of singers!! If you can sing in the shower, if you can sing in the car, if you can sing yourself to sleep at night, please consider joining the choir! If you can only sing on certain Sundays or for certain other services, or can join us for an entire "season," such as the Easter season, please consider

joining the choir! We meet each Wednesday evening in the Alice Rearick Room from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. If you are interested and would like to enjoy the music, fun, and fellowship the choir brings to Messiah, please talk to any choir member, with our director, Andrea Cameron, or just show up for rehearsal on Wednesday evening! We look forward to hearing from you—literally!

THANK YOU so much to Messiah for the donation of the chairs to Richfield Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center. The staff and residents are very grateful for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Julie Berryman  
Business Office Manager

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., 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 Sunday School Room.

LOVE PROJECT OF MESSIAH WOMEN – We are taught in Matthew 25:31-46 that we are to show our love by caring for those who are in need. We have chosen as our first project of 2011 to assemble Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. All we need to do is listen to the news about the upheavals in lives that people of the world experience from all sorts of disasters. For February we are asking for hand towels, in the size of 15" or 16" or 16" x 23" or 25" and wash cloths in dark colors. Please place your love gifts on the blue table in the Sunday School Room. We have not set a goal, but last year we were able to put together 141 kits.

### **COMMUNITY**

FOOD PANTRY needs for February: Any non-perishable foods; baby supplies (diapers [sizes 3-6], pull-ups [all sizes], baby shampoo, baby lotion, diaper rash ointment, and wipes.

A TIME OF PRAYER AND BLESSING FOR THE JAM HOUSE will be held today at 2:00 p.m. at the JAM House. We invite you to join us in praying for this ministry, its residents, staff and board members. The JAM House is a home with a Christian environment for mentally challenged adults of Juniata County. Presently, there are 4 very special adults residing at the JAM House with room for up to 7. Our purpose is to enhance the lives of these individuals by providing a loving, caring, safe, and Christian environment for them, and to help them reach their full potential. We are very much in need of prayer, volunteers, material items, and financial support.

THE EAST JUNIATA AND JUNIATA WRESTLING CLUBS are having a benefit Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at Juniata High School from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. All proceeds will go to the Treaster family. Donations to the Treaster Family can be made payable to Juniata Wrestling Club, 1166 Matamoras Road, Port Royal, PA 17082.

WEAR PINK NEXT SUNDAY – A special offering for the Kay Yow Fund and the Penn State Lady lions "Pink Zone" game will be collected on February 27, 2011.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS (all-you-can-eat) will be held every Friday beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Mifflintown. Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6—12 years old, and kids 5 and under FREE. Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus.

NURSE'S NOTES – If you lose heat, take measures to trap existing warm air, and safely stay warm until heat returns:

- Insulate your home as much as possible. Hang blankets over windows and doorways and stay in a well-insulated room while power is out.
- Dress warmly. Wear hats, scarves, gloves, and layered clothing.
- If you have a working fireplace, use it for heat and light, but be sure to keep the damper open for ventilation.
- Open your faucets to a steady drip so pipes do not freeze.
- Eat. Food provides your body with needed energy to produce its own heat and drinking helps your body avoid dehydration.
- If the cold persists and your heat is not restored, call family, neighbors, or friends to see if you can stay with them.

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Voters' Assembly following worship service.
- Monday:** -OFFICE CLOSED.  
-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.  
-7 p.m., 4-H Puppy Club in Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday:** -9:30—11:30 a.m., Headstart Program in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:** -10 a.m., First Communion Class (meet in church office).
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.