

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2, 2014 – 10:30 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., Virginia F., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Florence B.

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### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

ANTHEM

Junior Choir

"Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna" "Jesus Loves Me" "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*P Holy and faithful God,*

**C we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that kill, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen**

*P "Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.*

**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

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

\* GREETING

*P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.*

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**spoken responsively**)

*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 (**spoken**)

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And also with you.**

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

P *Let us pray...*

C **Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**WORD**

*This reading concludes a larger section (2:17—3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendants of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.*

FIRST READING

A reading from Malachi 3:1-4

THE LESSON READS:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 84 (responsively)

L *How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD. (Ps. 84:1)*

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

**<sup>2</sup>My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>9</sup>Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

**<sup>10</sup>For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

**<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

**ALL How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD.**

*Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 2:14-18

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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.

*This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.*

- \* GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

*P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too." <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

\* 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].*

\* 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 God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.*

*A brief silence.*

*P For messengers of the gospel throughout the world, that the light of Christ be made present to all, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For the well-being of the earth and all its inhabitants, and for those who advocate for the just use of resources, that all creation continue to thrive, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For the nations of the world—the prosperous and the poor, the peaceful and the perilous (especially)—that leaders work toward the betterment of all, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, and all who need help for any reason (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Dorothy Patterson, Josh Beitz, Karl and Margaret Guss, Sarah*

Shellenberger, Jo-Anne Brooks, Matt Hutchinson, Marian Gross, Chris Albright, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Clark Shirk, Bob St. Clair, Sr., Jesse Kint, Billy Holderman, Betty Karstetter, Dutch Walters, Mary Ann Zook, Charlene Aughey, Robert Reynolds, Rick Varner, Sally and Ray Miller, Fred Marshall, Bonita Gilson, Kim Shearer, Victoria Ricedorf, and Allison Garver ), let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For those gathered in this house of worship, that we continue to praise God, rejoice at the salvation brought about through Christ, and be guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P In thanksgiving for those who died in the faith, that by their witness we live in confidence that Christ has destroyed death and brought about life eternal, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**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 May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.*

**C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

## **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 Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, and send us to be your servants in every place, for you are the life and light of all, both 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. Christ is your light.*

**C Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Pat Fisher

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Tyler Rosenberry & Lilly Powell

**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 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) 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.

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 – Cecil Myers, Christian Thinker: Successful marriage is always a triangle, a man, a woman, and God.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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

THRIVENT CHOICE – Thank you to everyone at Messiah who has designated choice dollars to Messiah. If you are a Thrivent member and have questions about Thrivent Choice please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net) or 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.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES with updated addresses and phone numbers are now available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE FEBRUARY 2014 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not already on the list, please send your email address to [stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com).

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June, 20-21 2014 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library area. Please register with the church office if you would like your child to attend.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library area. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Our youth will be holding soup pots at the rear of the church today, Super Bowl Sunday. They will join young people in churches across the nation, sharing God's love with those who need our compassion and care. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “help our neighbors” by dropping a dollar in the soup pot. Proceeds will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry.

THE 2014 CAMPING BROCHURES and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or you may register online at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Please note that if you register online, you still need to get a health form signed by a doctor. Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late fee.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2014 following the worship service. Business: 2013 audit and quarterly board reports.

THE NEXT PPC MEETING will be Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

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.

THANK YOU – The family of Sue Collins would like to extend our appreciation to the members of Messiah for your thoughts and prayers during the loss of our mother. May God keep you all in His care.

Ken Collins and Lois Kennedy and families

THANK YOU for the altar flowers I received from the church and to Kay Varner for delivering them. They were greatly appreciated.

Jane Marhefka

### **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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as program leader.

THE FIRST PROJECT THIS YEAR for Messiah Women of The ELCA for Lutheran World Relief will be baby care kits. Items needed are:

- 2 (6-24 months) lightweight cotton T-shirts
- 2 longer short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets—medium weight cotton or flannel, crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn (up to 52” square)
- 4 cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- 1 jacket, sweater (with buttons or ties down front), or sweatshirt with a hood, or (include a baby cap)
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel (dark color recommended)

- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins

Place items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

**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).

BEGIN 2014 ON THE ROAD TO GOOD HEALTH! – As seen on NBC’s “The Biggest Loser” there is a way to tell how “old” your arteries are and if you are at risk for a stroke or heart disease. The Prevention Health Screenings group has the ability to tell you this by offering a quick, painless, non-invasive health test to see if you are at risk for serious health problems. On **Saturday, February 15, 2014** beginning at 9:00 a.m. you and community members are invited to Messiah Lutheran Church to participate in the available health screenings. Along with the heart disease screening, there will be 7 other tests you can choose from. The costs vary depending on how many screenings you have done. You must have an appointment and appointments are on a first-come-first-served basis, so register early. Call 1-800-257-3516 or go to [www.preventionhealth.org](http://www.preventionhealth.org) for more information.

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.  
-Souper Bowl Sunday.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study in Library.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.  
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Friday:** -6-9 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall (caller: Mark Brosius).  
Everyone welcome!
- Saturday:** -10 a.m., First Communion Class in Library.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.