

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16, 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., Pastor E., Ruth C., Arlene K., Helen K., and Steve W.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

### \* 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 "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

\* 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 (**spoken**)

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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 49:1-7

THE LESSON READS:

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11 (Intoned by Choir)

L *I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up- | on the LORD, who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust | in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I | am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

**<sup>8</sup>I love to do your will, | O my God; your law is | deep within me."**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

**ALL *I love to do your will, O my God.***

*Through God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

THE LESSON READS:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

- \* GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

*P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Dr. Todd Taylor, Houses of Hope for Haiti

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

- \* 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 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 For leaders in the church and all the baptized, that we may invite others to come and see Christ revealed in water and word, bread and wine. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P For our nation, for our president and the members of congress, that we labor together for the common good, raising up those overwhelmed by poverty or violence. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P For coastlands and distant islands, for urban, suburban, and rural communities, that in using wisely the resources of the earth, we honor your creation. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P For those unemployed or underemployed, for those living with oppression, poverty, hunger, illness, or anxiety (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, Pastor Esborn, Ruth Crist, Sue Collins, Helen Coder, Arlene Kint, Helen Knox and Steve Welshonse), that you strengthen them with grace and courage in the face of their need. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P For our community of faith, for those living in care facilities and those absent from us, and for those seeking signs of your presence, that you nourish us all at your bountiful table. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P We give you thanks for all your holy ones who served you in life and now rest in your peace. Gather us, with them, until the day of your coming in glory. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*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

"Here I Am, Lord"

**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 – Cynthia Smith  
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 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.

TODAY WE WELCOME Dr. Todd Taylor to our service. Todd is the creator of Houses of Hope for Haiti here in Juniata County. The vision of the Houses of Hope for Haiti program is to respond in God's love to provide a basic house for a Haitian family who lost their homes during the earthquake in January of 2010.

This past February, Dr. Taylor was blessed to be able to go to Haiti with a group of eight other people to provide medical care. As they transitioned back to the US, they realized that a huge priority for the people of Haiti was housing. Without a roof over their heads, many were at risk for many diseases, infections, and death. This group was looking at forming a local group to start to build temporary housing. The initial contact was made with a group in Ohio that was way ahead of the game, was producing temporary housing, and had already shipped to the area. The group's initial plan was two-tiered. First, if people felt the immediate need to do something, they could donate directly to the Haiti cabins group. Second, the group was actively recruiting local contractors, storage shed businesses, lumber supply companies, skilled carpenters and more. With this tier, we planned to build the houses locally and ship these along with the houses built by the group from Ohio.

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 – Henry David Thoreau, Essay writer: “Take your time, and set about some free labor.”

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

FOLDING CHAIRS AVAILABLE – There are still about 20 folding chairs in the storage area beside the Fellowship Hall. If they are not wanted by members they will be given to the Richfield Nursing Home by the end of the month. Please pick up a.s.a.p. if you want any of these chairs. Call AB for assistance at 436-9382.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, January 9, 2011: \$\_\_\_\_\_. Total received in fund to date: \$52,\_\_\_\_\_.

AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER, sponsored by the Disciples Class, will be held on Friday, February 11, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Messiah Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (4-12), and children 3 and under FREE (take-out orders available). Dinner includes spaghetti (with plain or meat sauce), salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. Donations of sauce, spaghetti, etc., or monetary donations would be gratefully accepted. Tickets are available at the door.

### **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.

### **COMMUNITY**

FOOD PANTRY needs for January: All non-perishable foods, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues. Contributions may be mailed to Juniata County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059 (Weis gift cards are also appreciated). Food Pantry hours are: Monday 1-4, Tuesday and Thursday 3-6, and Saturday 10-1. For more information please call 436-9718.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Juniata County congregations, representing a variety of Christian denominations, will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Port Royal Presbyterian Church. The service will be held as part of the area's observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

NURSE'S NOTES – Instead of sitting when you poke around on Facebook, stand up and perch your laptop on a high countertop. A recent Australian study found that every hour of television people watched each day (trolling the internet is an equally sedentary activity) increased their risk of dying from heart disease by 18%. Alternate standing and sitting while you're online or watching TV, and you can decrease the risk. (Same could be said about active vs. passive worship?)

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Guest speaker: Dr. Todd Taylor.  
-3 p.m., Unity Service at Port Royal Presbyterian Church.  
-7 p.m., PPC meeting.
- 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.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer Group rehearsal.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.