

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2013 – 9:15 a.m.

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

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Florence B., Jesse K., Tammy W., Wilma P., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Karl and Margaret G., Sarah D., Clara S., Justin T., Connor L., Carol D., Don L., Don and Arlene D., Darlene Y., Arielle D., Wib T., Sarah S., Bill S., Gwen S., Troy B., Rick F., Riley C., Kitty W., Allen H., Harry W., Minnie M., and Esther L.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

### \* 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** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

**\* 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 O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.  
Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors  
with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.*

**FIRST READING**

A reading from Deuteronomy 30:9-14

**THE LESSON READS:**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)**

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (Responsively)**

*L – Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are

treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**ALL – Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from Colossians 1:1-14

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (**sung**)

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

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

\* GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

*P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "As We Gather at Your Table"

\* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') (**all**)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

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

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P Let us pray. Merciful God,*

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

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

*P Empower those who witness to the gospel, that their actions may bear fruit and help others to know your grace. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Watch over all that is vulnerable and weak in this world: new life, frail bodies, fading strength. Help us feel your presence through all of life's seasons. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Incline your ear to the voiceless and powerless, refugees and victims of terror, and bring compassion to the hearts of those in power. Make us instruments of your peace. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Open our arms to all our neighbors: the hungry, poor, and homeless; the friendless and the outsider; the elderly and children; and all who suffer in body, mind or spirit (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Jesse Kint, Tammy Walton, Wilma Pyles, Dorothy Patterson, Audrey Landis, Josh Beitz, George and Lorraine Hazard, Karl and Margaret Guss, Sarah Dressler, Clara Schlegel, Justin Tabb, Connor Lauver, Carol Dasen, Don Lewis, Don and Arlene DeLauter, Darlene Yutzy, Arielle Dougherty, Wib Taylor, Sarah Shellenberger, Bill Stoner, Gwen Swisher, Reba Sigler, Troy Burd, Rick Fultz, Riley Cooper, Kitty Walters, Allen Hall, Harry Woltman, Minnie Minick, and Esther Long). Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Give us patience with each other as we work together extending your mercy to our neighborhoods through our ministries. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Grant that we may share in the inheritance of all your saints in light (especially), claiming the hope laid up for us in heaven by the work of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

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

**C Amen**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] **(all)**

*P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:*

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

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

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

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

\* BLESSING

*P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

**MEAL**

\* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

*P Let us give thanks to the Lord.*

**C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.**

*P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.*

**C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.**

*P Let us come to his table with joy,*

**C for we come as God's invited guests!**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**C Amen.**

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

#### DISTRIBUTION

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

#### \* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen**

#### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*P Let us pray.*

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

**C Amen**

#### \* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barbara S. Geedey



## **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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory Earl "Hap" Smith and loved ones by the Leister and Smith families.

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 – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): The confession of evil works is the first step of good works.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN WILL BE UPDATED – The current Prayer Chain will be deactivated and a new one started. If you would like to receive emails for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net). A new phone chain will also be established. If you wish to receive phone calls for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie at 436-6341.

MESSIAH IS IN NEED of a new treasurer to replace Ken Eyler after his many years of service. If you would like details, please contact Executive Director Guy Dillman or Pastor Esborn.

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

PPC MEETING will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. All members are asked to attend.

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

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

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

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

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

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS will be during July, August and September. Watch bulletins for more information.

**Reminder:** USS WELCA Convention will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at Camp Mt. Luther (open to all women). Contact Barb Geedey at 436-6433 if you are interested in attending. We had a good attendance last year and hope for the same this year.

### **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 JULY**

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

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

PLASTIC AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

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HOURS: MON/WED 2:00-6:00 PM, SAT 9:00-1:00

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -OFFICE CLOSED (during July & August).  
-6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.  
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.