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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 9, 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., 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., Terry F., Darlene Y., John M., Arielle D., Wib T., Sarah S., Bill S., Gwen S., Troy B., and Rick F.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The Time after Pentecost is a teaching time, a growing time, in the life of the church. Today's texts celebrate God's ability and intention to provide us with a new lease on Life. To that end we gather today with the whole people of God to be instructed by The word and nourished in the blessed sacrament.

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church

these three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

* 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 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* 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 Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through
Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORD

Having offered hospitality to Elijah, a widow in Zarephath loses her son to an illness. Through prayer, Elijah restores the boy to life, and the joyful mother acknowledges that Elijah is indeed a man of God.

FIRST READING

A reading from 1 Kings 17:17-24

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 30 **(Responsively)**

L – My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. (Ps. 30:2)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

ALL – My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

The apostle and church-planter Paul tells the story of his ministry given to him by Jesus Christ. In the midst of grave tension in his church in Galatia, he assures his congregation that his work is centered in the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, unlike the other teachers among them.

SECOND READING

A reading from Galatians 1:11-24

THE LESSON READS:

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰In what I

am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²²and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

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' ministry bears witness to God's coming reign, where the lowly are shown mercy and the dead are raised. Here, Jesus ministers to a widow by raising her only son to life.

* GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹¹Soon afterwards [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Am the Bread of Life"

* 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

“Thy Word” “I’m Feelin’ Fine”

Kirsten Elsasser

* 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—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

P God of faithfulness, bless Christians everywhere with the courage and compassion to be your church, offering themselves to the world in unity and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of wisdom, give us eyes to see the earth as an expression of your love, and teach us wisdom to live upon it with gentleness, care, and humility. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of mercy, we pray for the nations and peoples of the world. Come with the mercy you have promised from of old. Be this world’s hope and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of compassion, touch the lives of all who suffer now (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, Terry Frymoyer, Darlene Yutzzy, John Martin, Arielle Dougherty, Wib Taylor, Sarah Shellenberger, Bill Stoner, Gwen Swisher, Reba Sigler, Troy Burd, and Rick Fultz. Where there is despair, bring hope; where there is illness, bring health; where there is death, bring life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of love, we pray for those recently married, and for all those preparing to join their lives in faithfulness to each other. Uphold them in their vows and teach them gentleness and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of the ages, we thank you for the saints (especially Columba, Aidan, and Bede, renewers of your church, whom we commemorate today). Through their lives of faithful witness may we glimpse your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

"Praise the Almighty!"

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 – Linda Bahorik

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.

WE WELCOME Kirsten Elsasser to Messiah this morning as our special music. Kirsten is finishing her freshman year at East Juniata High School, where she is active as a cheerleader, a member of the senior high chorus, plays in the junior high jazz band, the senior high jazz band, and the senior high jazz combo. In February Kirsten auditioned for the PMEA District 4 Jazz Festival and placed 4th out of 16 chairs.

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 – John Calvin, French Reformer and Father of the Presbyterian Church (1509 – 1564): Baptism is the sign of initiation by which we are admitted into the fellowship of the church.

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. 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.

A SPECIAL OFFERING will be received today for Lutheran Disaster Relief to support work in the Oklahoma City area.

FOOD PANTRY – June is Messiah's month to volunteer at the Food Pantry. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette for Saturdays during the month of June. Please sign-up today!

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.

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 FOR MAY AND JUNE: "***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 FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY: Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Christmas gift set. 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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Devotions and then take stock of items for the personal care kits. Ona Stoner will provide refreshments.

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 JUNE

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS
FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE
PAPER SUPPLIES: TISSUES, TOILET PAPER PAPER TOWELS
OVER-THE-COUNTER ALLERGY MEDICATIONS

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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THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.
-Special offering for Oklahoma Tornado disaster.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -June 11—21, Pastor Esborn away. (If you need a pastor during that time, please contact Pastor Chris Mathiason at 463-2490).
-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -(June 14 & 15), Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.