

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## THANKOFFERING SERVICE November 13, 2011 – 10:30 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., Cathryn R., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Paul W., Bob C., Linda R., Connor L., George and Mary Lorraine H., Laurie F., Mason B., Beth S., Denny K., Dorothy P., Robert W., Sis S., Mark K., Patsy C., Jeanette S., Michelle S., and Kaye C.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRELUDE: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" O'hara

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE

+ ENTRANCE HYMN

"God Is Here"

+ GREETING

WL: May the hope to which God has called you, the power of God at work in Christ, and the Spirit of wisdom and revelation be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Let us pray--

**C: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

(BE SEATED)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

The First Lesson is from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy.

THE LESSON READS:

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you, that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **“Thanks be to God.”**

PSALM: 126

L: When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion,

C: **we were like men who dreamed.**

L: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

C: **our tongues with songs of joy.**

L: Then it was said among the nations,

C: **“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

L: The Lord has done great things for us,

C: **and we are filled with joy.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O Lord

C: **like streams in the Negev.**

L: Those who sow in tears

C: **will reap with songs of joy.**

L: He who goes out weeping,

C: **carrying seed to sow,**

L: will return with songs of joy,

C: **carrying sheaves with him.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9

The Second Lesson is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philippians.

THE LESSON READS:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: “Thanks be to God.”**

+ 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.

+ GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

WL: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men, who had leprosy, met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go, your faith has made you well.”

WL: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

Elizabeth Yenchko

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “Now Thank We All Our God”

+ APOSTLES’ CREED

WL: Let us confess our faith with the Apostles’ Creed:

**C: 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**

(BE SEATED)

OFFERING

The Women of the ELCA's Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and support our partnership with God in making Christ known to all the world. We are called to offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us.

(THE LOOSE OFFERING WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA AND ALONG WITH THE THANKOFFERING ENVELOPES, WILL BE SENT TO THE WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA).

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

ANTHEM

+ SUNG OFFERTORY "DOXOLOGY"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

WL: Let us pray:

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

+ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WL: In thanksgiving for God's eternal grace, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

WL: We give you thanks for the blessings you pour out upon the church. Empower your people in every land, that they may reflect your goodness and grace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: We give you thanks for the nurture and care you provide the creation. Inspire our love for all you have made that we may live wisely on this earth. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: We give you thanks for the great things you do for those in need. Holy God, uphold those whose burdens are heavy this day. Hear our prayers for those who are living with physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual ills, (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, Linda Rhine, Connor Lauver, George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, Laurie Funk, Mason Beward, Beth Smith, Cassie Smith, Denny King, Dorothy Patterson, Robert Watkins, Sis Stetler, Mark Krobath, Patsy Crawford, Jeanette St. Clair, Michelle Stoner and Kaye Clark). We pray that they may know your unfailing love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: We give you thanks for the opportunities to serve you everyday. Bless all the members of the ELCA that we may be a blessing to others. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy.

**C: Amen**

+ BLESSING

WL: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

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

+ CLOSING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

**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: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.*

*Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.*

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*P: 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 and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. 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.*

#### 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 and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you to use your life as a witness to God's grace.*

**C: Amen**

#### + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*P: Let us pray.*

**C: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### + DISMISSAL

*P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

CHIMES

POSTLUDE:

"Postludium"

Beethoven

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barbara S. Geedey (Clint & Jamie Miller – cup communion)

#### **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) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL THANKOFFERING CELEBRATION – A special thanks to the Messiah Women of the ELCA and to Margaret Guss for organizing our worship service and to all those who participated. All loose offering received plus all the Thankoffering envelopes (that were included in your November newsletter) will go to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA for their many projects. None of the money is kept locally. Additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to “Messiah Women of the ELCA.” Thank you for your generosity.

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST SPEAKER Elizabeth Yenchko. Elizabeth serves half-time as Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) and assistant to Bishop Driesen in a partnership between the ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit and the Upper Susquehanna Synod. She is responsible for partnering with and resourcing synod lay and clergy leaders as well as congregations in catalyzing missional outreach, evangelism, stewardship, mission support and mission interpretation within the synod, as they proclaim the Gospel to the greater community in word and deed. Her work in keeping the focus on missional outreach and stewardship includes facilitating processes of congregational renewal and consolidation; experimenting with newly emerging ministry strategies together with congregations and leaders; and training, equipping and networking of leaders. At present, she is also serving as half-time Interim DEM for the Upstate NY Synod ELCA. Beth grew up in Hazleton PA. Her first career was as an historic preservationist and community organizer, both in the US and in the Slovak Republic. In later serving as an ELCA missionary, she was assistant for international affairs to the Lutheran bishop of Slovakia. She holds a masters degree in organization development and strategic human resources from Johns Hopkins University. Beth's husband, Juraj Kittler, is an associate professor of media and mass communications at St. Lawrence University, Canton NY.

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of husband and father, Richard Stetler, Sr., by wife and children.

JUST A THOUGHT – Roger Van Ouch – Contemporary Motivational Speaker and

Author: "If we settle into comfortable routines, our thinking becomes stagnant and rigid."

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

CHURCH ORGANIST for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Ed Beaver at [ebeaver41@yahoo.com](mailto:ebeaver41@yahoo.com) or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at [www.mlc-mifflintown.org](http://www.mlc-mifflintown.org).

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING – The next Property Committee meeting will be **Monday, November 14, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. We will not be meeting in October unless there is an emergency. In the meantime all business will be conducted via email and phone.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011 following the morning worship service. Business: vote on 2012 budget and distribution of estate funds. Copies of the 2012 proposed budget are available in the Adult Sunday School Room for members to take home and review. Please bring copies back with you to church on November 20<sup>th</sup> for the Voters Assembly meeting.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June, 2012 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, November 6, 2011: \$220.00 This brings the total received to \$63,082.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

MESSIAH RECEIVED \$18,094.13 in estate funds earlier in the summer. These funds were not designated for any specific purpose. Per current church policy, 10% of the funds are to be used locally to aid and benefit local groups. The Board of Resource Management is recommending that \$900 be given to Meals-on-Wheels and \$900 be given to Wings of Kindness. This will be voted on by the congregation on Sunday, November 20, 2011.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, for the "can tree" in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Cans will be delivered to Bethesda Mission later in December.

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6-1/2" plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 20**, Community Thanksgiving Service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

**November 27**, Light lunch after worship service in Fellowship Hall prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring 1-2 doz. Cookies. Decorating of the church following lunch.

**December 3**, Fellowship Hall reserved (afternoon & evening) for Civil War re-enactors fashion show.

**December 6**, "The Needlers" Christmas Luncheon.

**December 8**, WELCA Christmas Festival at 7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

**December 11**, Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30 a.m.

**December 18**, Children's Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Committee will provide cookies and beverage.

**December 18**, Christmas Cantata at 2 p.m. at Juniata High School.

**December 24**, 7 p.m., Family/Youth Service; 9:30 p.m., Prelude Concert with Louis Lynch; 10 p.m. Candlelight/ Communion Service.

**January 7**, Undecorating the church (morning)

**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.

Christmas Angel Project – Messiah Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 2 families this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the children's name and family number, and returned to the Sunday School Room by December 4, 2011.

**COMMUNITY**

THE TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL GIFTS FESTIVAL will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren In Christ Church on Friday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Invest in the world. Shop fair trade. Discover unique home décor, musical instruments and jewelry at the festival. Your participation in this sale will help skilled artisans in 32 countries receive a fair price for their products. Featured items include hand loomed textiles, pottery, jewelry, baskets, toys and a variety of nativities and Christmas decorations. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit fair trade organization based in Akron, PA. For more information contact Deb Richmond at 717-348-6364 or [debrichmond@nmax.net](mailto:debrichmond@nmax.net).

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates from 7:00 to

8:30 p.m. in the Juniata High School music room. *(Even if you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please don't hesitate to join the Group).*

Tuesday, November 15  
Tuesday, November 22  
Monday, December 5  
Tuesday, December 13

This year's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cantata performance "*Dawn of Redeeming Grace*" will be held **Sunday, December 18, 2011** at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Juniata High School.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER – All non-perishable foods, paper and cleaning products: toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, all-purpose household cleaners, and plastic grocery bags. Donations of cash are also gladly accepted and Weis or Schlegels gift cards.

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -Thankoffering Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-11:30 a.m., Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in choir room.  
-7 p.m., Bible Study.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-7 p.m., Community chorus rehearsal at Juniata High School.
- Wednesday:** -9 a.m.—2 p.m., Family Resource Program in Fellowship Hall.  
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.  
-7 p.m., NA group meeting in Youth Area.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal in Fellowship Hall.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -Christ The King.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-11:30 a.m., Voters Assembly.  
-3 p.m., Quiet Communion.  
-7 p.m., Community Thanksgiving Service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.