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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 1, 2013 – 9:15 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

SHUT-INS: 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., Florence B.

OTHERS: Tammy W., Wilma P., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Karl and Margaret G., Sarah D., Clara S., Justin T., Carol D., Don and Arlene D., Darlene Y., Arielle D., Wib T., Sarah S., Bill S., Gwen S., Troy B., Riley C., Allen H., Harry W., Esther L., Joan F., Rick V., Brian M. and family, Michael S., Trent P., Steve B., Diane G., Charlene A., and Rich W.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

* 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 "Now We Join in Celebration"

* 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 God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORD

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

FIRST READING

A reading from Proverbs 25:6-7

THE LESSON READS:

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 112 (**Responsively**)

L – The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

ALL – The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

THE LESSON READS:

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

* **GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner,

do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY "All Are Welcome"

* 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

Tricia Seaman

* 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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P O wise and wonderful God, continually turn the hearts of your people back to you. Mold the church to be your gracious, merciful, and righteous presence in the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Fill all banquet tables with the bounty that you raise up in your creation. Feed all people with food that will sustain them, even as you feed them with your compassion. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Send your Spirit of humility to the halls of legislation, governance, and justice in every land. Stir up in leaders and citizens a will to serve, and let your peace reign. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Raise up people who will extend your hospitality to those in prisons, in hospitals, and in situations of abuse (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Wilma Pyles, Dorothy Patterson, Audrey Landis, Josh Beitz, George and Lorraine Hazard, Karl and Margaret Guss, Sarah Dressler, Clara Schlegel, Justin Tabb, Carol Dasen, Don and Arlene DeLauter, Darlene Yutzy, Arielle Dougherty, Wib Taylor, Sarah Shellenberger, Bill Stoner, Gwen Swisher, Reba Sigler, Troy Burd, Riley Cooper, Allen Hall, Harry Woltman, Esther Long, Joan Nace Foltz, Rick Varner, Brian Marshall and family, and Michael Slagle, Trent Phillips, Steve Bahorik, Diane Glendye, Charlene Aughey, and Rich Waller, Sr.). Give to all who suffer your lasting comfort. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Inspire contentment in all who have employment; grant your provision to those who are unemployed or underemployed. Create new opportunities for all to earn their livelihood. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Remembering the saints who pointed us to Christ in the past, we beg for his presence among us today, while we long for the day when he will make all things new. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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

* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Pat Fisher

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 Tricia Seaman and thank her for providing our special music this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Denise Hower by family.

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 – Charlotte Perkins Gilman, American writer and Social Reformer (1860 – 1935): Eternity is not something that begins after you are dead. It is going on all the time. We are in it now.

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.

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.

EARLY SUMMER SERVICES will end today. Regular 10:30 a.m. worship services will resume on September 8, 2013 with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

"THE NEEDLERS" will continue their sewing project on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in helping to make patch quilts for local and World Relief, please come and join us!

A BIBLE STUDY ON LUTHERANISM 101 will be held beginning on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. and Monday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room near the Library. Material is from the Concordia Publishing House and the text for the class will cost \$20.00 and can be found at [LUTHERANISM 101 text Amazon](#) and in [Kindle Edition](#). Anyone wanting to join Messiah as their church home can use this course as their new member class. **Please contact the church office at 436-6213 if you wish to attend so materials can be ordered.**

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 following the morning worship service. Business: Quarterly reports of the boards. **NOTE:** PPC Board Directors are asked to submit their proposed 2014 budgets to Ken Eyler by October 15, 2013. You may place them in Ken's mailbox in the church office or by email to keyler@nmax.net. THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We have not had a meeting since May, so there are items to be discussed. Please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let Kay Varner know.

A NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library area. If you wish to attend, please contact the church office.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet this morning immediately following the worship service.

BLANKET SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED on Sunday, October 6, 2013. Along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelopes that are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and take this opportunity to serve as Christ's helping hands in our world today!

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 (until the beginning of October) – Items needed:

- 4 (70 sheet) notebooks, 8 x 10½ wide or college ruled paper “no loose leaf paper”
- 1 (30 centimeter) ruler or one with cm. on one side and inches on the other
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

Place any items on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you would rather give money for these items, you may give it to Cynthia Smith or any other WELCA member.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Meeting will consist of putting together the numerous kits that we will be sending to Lutheran World Relief in October. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. Cynthia Smith and Linda Leister will provide light refreshments.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER

FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE, ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS,
SHAMPOO, OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN AND COLD MEDICINES,
DISHWASHING SOAP AND ALL-PURPOSE CLEANERS

WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL STORES
DROP OFF DONATIONS ANYTIME IN OUR VESTIBULE!

PLASTIC AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

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).

THE ANNUAL JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held at Port Royal Lutheran Church on Fourth and Market Streets this evening at 4:30 p.m. **(please note that time and location have changed)**. A free-will offering will be collected to help local charities. Those attending will receive a hand stamp that will allow them free admission to the Juniata County Fair this evening. The Boyz and saxophonist Brad Eargle will be providing special music. Liz Shea will provide keyboard accompaniment.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held **(rain or shine)** on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at Walker Township Park (route 322, Port Royal exit). Short Walk will be 3 laps and Long Walk will be 15 laps. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Please bring all pledge money on Walk day. This year there are no incentive prizes for a certain amount of pledges. Everyone will receive a small 'thank you' gift for participating. There will be drawings for prizes periodically during Walk time. We will try to provide some sort of games or diversionary activities throughout the afternoon. Donated items for the Food Pantry will be collected at the Walk. Needs include: PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, etc. CLEANING SUPPLIES like all-purpose cleansers, bleach, trash bags, laundry detergent, dish detergent, etc. PAPER PRODUCTS such as paper towels, toilet tissue, tissues. INFANT NEEDS like diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotions. NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. Twenty-five percent of pledge money will go to the Food Pantry and the Meals-On-Wheels program. Thank you for all donations! If you have questions, please contact Becky Zeigler at 463-2309 or Kathy Whitesel at 436-2401. Sign-up sheet and donation envelopes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WANTED: Dish washer at the Juniata County Fair Port Royal Lutheran Church Stand, September 2nd through September 7th. Stand will also be open Saturday, August 31st from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a paid position with free admission to the fair grounds and all the food you can eat at Port Royal Lutheran Church Fair Stand! Please call Tierney Hostler at 527-4433 or Pam Pray at 527-2742 for more information, or you may reply to the following email: prparish@embarqmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -**Last early service for the summer.**
-9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.
-Music & Worship Committee meeting following worship service.
- Monday:** -OFFICE CLOSED.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall (Caller: Leslie Herb).
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.