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Christ The King November 22, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

Those we want to remember in prayer today—please refer to “Prayers of Intercession.”

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: We Gather Together F. Ritter
[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began,
who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.

C Amen

P Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our maker and redeemer,

**C We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die
for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy**

Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God + forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” p. 15 in bulletin

* GREETING

P From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (sung)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

* HYMN OF PRAISE (I – All Women, II – All Men, C – Congregation)

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

II Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

II For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Daniel.

THE LESSON READS:

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 93

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor

R – Rejoice, the Lord is king! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹ armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹ not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹ been established; you are from ¹ everlasting. R**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted ¹ up their voice; the waters have lifted up their ¹ pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹ of the sea, mightier is the LORD who ¹ dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are ¹ very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for-¹ evermore. **R**

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Revelation.

THE LESSON READS:

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (sung by Choir)

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia. [Revelation 22:13]

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

* GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" p. 15 in bulletin

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

A brief silence.

P Ancient One, you are beyond our understanding. Forgive us when our imaginations limit the depth of your being. Expand our vision of who you have been, who you are, and who you will be. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Mountain maker, you created Earth and all that is in it. Heal environments damaged by human carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for your whole creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Gracious sovereign, your majesty knows no bounds. Bring your kingdom to violent places. Send us out to share your peace in the world. Help us see how we participate in systems of injustice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Divine nurse, you care for all people. Stir us to care for all your children. Be with all who experience unemployment, homelessness, abuse, or who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (especially we pray for all of our shut-ins: Marian Gross, Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Ethel Bossinger, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Earl & Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Allison Garver, Clara Shepps, Andy & Wesley Kinzer, Gus Keiser, Kaiden Woods, Tina Hutchinson, Leiah Bridges, Michal Gayer, Judy Grimes, Sara Ann Aurand, Betsy Aumiller, Jodi Fitzgerald, Virginia Waller, Mindy Fryer, Mary Ann Bardell Audrey Morral, Diane Layton, Gabby Baney, Josh Delancey, Kay Stuck, Minnie Minick, Norm Gray, Tina Benner, Don Wert, Shirley Zeiders, Michelle Stoner, Sue Crouse, Sandy Pines, Steve Bahorik and family of Charlie Rush). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy Trinity, you call some to be prophets and some to be priests. Be with all who discern a call to ministry in your church. Bless the work of call committees and candidacy committees. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Eternal truth, your word goes forth in every generation. We give you thanks for the priesthood of all believers and remember with joy and sorrow the saints who shared the gospel with us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Thanksgiving

E. Grieg

[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 ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: (sung)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the firstborn of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] **(all)**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Goodness is stronger than evil. Life is stronger than death. Taste the goodness and life of God.

* LAMB OF GOD **(sung)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(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: To Celebrate The Day F. Ritter
[“AT CHANCEL RAIL” – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The love of God who created you, the mercy of + Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)

* CLOSING HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon”

p. 16 in bulletin

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Christie Holderman & Stacie Kint

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the yellow 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 worshipping 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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of loved ones by Warren and Claire Mummah.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (4362100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – C. S. Lewis, Oxford Professor, Christian Writer and self-made Theologian (1898 – 1963): Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because He said so. The other evidence about Him has convinced them that He was neither a lunatic nor a quack.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

November 8, 2015 Worship Service

Attendance – 66

Total Offering - \$2,681.00

General Fund - \$2,521.00

Sunday School

Attendance – 42

Offering - \$72.00

November 15, 2015 Worship Service

Attendance – 69

Total Offering - \$3,300.00

Total General Fund - \$2,641.00

Sunday School

Attendance – 46

Offering - \$84.00

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at dkint@nmax.net. If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

CHECKS – When designating a check or a portion of the check to a specific fund, please be sure to name the fund on the memo line of the check, as well as indicating the same fund on the envelope. Thank you. Questions, call Ann Beaver or the church office.

CHANGE OF ENVELOPE – Please note that your church envelope will look different in 2016. Resource Management Director, Bob Hazard approved Bob St. Clair's research to make a change of envelope for a savings of \$200. More information will be forthcoming when the envelopes arrive.

THE SECRETARY'S WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

GIANT STORE GIFT CARDS are also now available as well as the Weis Cards to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.

DECORATING OF THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2015. A light lunch will be provided following the worship service prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Decorating will follow lunch.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTY will meet on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please let Kay Varner know if you are unable to attend.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2016 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly the 1st Sunday of May. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Esborn or the church office.

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 6½" plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY – Messiah's youth will present the annual Christmas play at the beginning of the worship service on Sunday, December 20th beginning at 10:30 a.m. The children are very excited to continue this Messiah tradition. Children will practice for the program each Sunday during Junior Church (10:30 a.m.) in the Junior Church Room. Children are asked to go directly to the Junior Church Room following Sunday School between November 22nd and December 13th. Contact Kate Swailes with any questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE – The Board of Worship and Music recently conducted an online survey, to which 50 persons from our congregation replied. In our survey, we asked questions pertaining to the possible combining of services for Christmas Eve, beginning with this Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th. Eighty four percent of those responding said they would appreciate one service being held instead of two, combining features from the Family Service and the later Communion/Candlelight service. With that in mind, the

Board of Worship and Music has elected to go with the following information for Christmas Eve 2015. The 2015 Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Service will be one service, beginning at 7:30 PM, preceded by 15 to 25 minutes of special Christmas music. This service will be a combined service of family, communion, and candle lighting. The junior and senior choirs will both provide anthems throughout the service and scripture and carols will be part of the service as well. More details about this service will be forthcoming in November. If you are willing to help be a part of this service – lecturing, candle lighting, church lights (during candle lighting), communion attendants, ushers for offering, greeters, etc., please let Diana Wise, Bob St. Clair, or Pastor Esborn know. We look forward to this being a VERY special service this year and are anticipating the arrival of the Advent and Christmas seasons at Messiah!

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able.

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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4oz. to 5oz., 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 Adult Sunday School Room.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 7 children 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 child’s name and family number, and returned to the Adult Sunday School Room by **December 6th**.

THANKOFFERING ENVELOPES may still be returned to help the Churchwide Women of the ELCA with their many projects. Envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to “Messiah Women of the ELCA.”

COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer cooks, drivers and people to help assemble meals. **Cooks are especially needed for the 5th Tuesday and 5th Friday of the month.** If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

APARTMENT FOR RENT AT JAM HOUSE – The board of directors at JAM House is looking for an individual or a couple to rent the four-room apartment attached to our house. The apartment has a separate entrance, parking and all utilities are included with the \$800/mo. rent. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact Larry Wise at 436-6629.

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates listed below 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).

Monday, November 23

Monday, December 7

Tuesday, December 15

This year’s 19th annual Christmas Cantata performance “The Winter Rose” will be held Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Juniata High School Auditorium with live tableaux as an enhancement to the overall presentation. Should weather conditions present a need to postpone the December 20th event (December 21st and

22nd at 7:00 p.m. are available snow dates). A special presentation will also be performed for area senior citizens on Friday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the JHS Auditorium.

FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS NEEDED:
TURKEYS OR TURKEY BREASTS, STUFFING, CANNED FRUITS,
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES,
CAKE MIX OR OTHER DESSERT MIX, **OR A \$20 DONATION**
WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

THE JUNIATA COUNTY THRIVENT BOARD is asking for your help. As you are well aware, the Juniata County Food Pantry is in great need of financial assistance. We are inviting your congregation to take up a Freewill Offering on November 29th designated for the Food Pantry. All money raised should be sent to: Sandy Westover, 62 Book Drive, McAlisterville, PA 17049. We hope you take this opportunity to help us support our neighbors in Juniata County.

Your Juniata County Thrivent Board Members,
Don Bratton, President
Bob Spade, Vice President
Sandy Westover, Treasurer
Kathy Whitesel, Secretary
Sam Leister
Deb Cramer
Ruthlee Gloss

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Christ The King.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Cate. Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -9-5 p.m., Church Office open due to Thanksgiving on Thursday.
-6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in Choir Room.
-7 p.m., Bible Study in Library area.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.
- Sunday:** -First Sunday of Advent.
-Food Pantry Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Service of Healing/Communion/Jr. Church.