

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION/BLANKET SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

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

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord’s point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Jim Bahorik

BLESSING FOR BLANKET SUNDAY

L Gracious God, as we present these gifts of our hearts and hands; quilts, school kits, personal care kits, and soap, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all the people of God.

**C We celebrate being the children of God.**

L We give thanks for the soap and the variety of gifts needed for these quilts, school kits, and personal care kits and the talents of the hands that sewed the quilts and the patience of those who filled the school kits and assembled the personal care kits. We also give thanks for the time donated by those who deliver the soap, quilts and kits to their pick-up point.

**C We celebrate generosity.**

L We give thanks for the fellowship of all those who work together on our projects, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of doing something with our hands and hearts for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

**C We celebrate community.**

L We send this soap, quilts, school kits and personal care kits as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives, trusting that these gifts will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of God's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God. May the gifts serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient and may it be a step in recovering one's life and be a message of caring from someone they may never meet.

**C We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.**

L We remember those who have received our gifts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

**C We celebrate the gift of life.**

L We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.

Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are joined together in the unity of one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**\* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of overflowing grace,

**C** We come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**P** There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

**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 "Let the Whole Creation Cry" pg. 242 LBW

\* 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** Kyrie, eleison: **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Christe, eleison: **C** Christ, have mercy.

**P** Kyrie, eleison: **C** Lord, have mercy.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the**

**Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace  
to God's people 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 Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

FIRST READING: A reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

**THE LESSON READS:**

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. <sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

**Lector:** The word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9 (Responsively)**

L – Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**ALL – Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.**

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING: A reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

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

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

\* GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Jim Bahorik

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

pg. 367 LBW

\* 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].

ANTHEM

"Good Morning, Lord" "Do Lord"

Junior Choir

\* 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, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C 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. Amen**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P Increase the faith of your church, O God. Raise up faithful parents and grandparents, prophets and teachers who know, love, and spread your gospel. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Tend and nurture the lands and seas, O God. Raise up faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to human care. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Save the nations, O God. Raise up faithful leaders who strive for peace and justice in the midst of violence and destruction. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Guard those in need, O God. Raise up faithful advocates and caretakers for those who are oppressed, poor, lonely, imprisoned, bereaved, or sick. (Especially we pray for all of our shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob Cameron, Michal Gayer, Mary Ernest, Josh Delancey, Ellwood Miller, Marylou Hazard, Letha Swab, John Miller, Brady Mingle, Belva Fulton, Edith Nipple, Joan Foltz, and Velma Suloff. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Give vision to this congregation, O God. Raise up faithful teachers, staff, volunteers, worship leaders, and council members who serve with purpose, joy, boldness, and love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P You abolished death, O God. Thank you for all those you called according to your purpose and who now rest in your light. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

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

**C Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

pg. 543 LBW

**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**

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel).

#### 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.

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Kate Swailes

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner

NEXT WEEK'S GREETERS – Steve & Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Nate Swailes & Braedon Walton

**WELCOME**

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 or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. 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.

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.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR COMMUNION. Wine and wheat wafers are used and if you so desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

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.

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.

THIS MORNING we are led in worship by Jim Bahorik, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is committed to ordained ministry as the primary means for filling the needs of this church for Word and Sacrament, but at this place in the church's pilgrimage, the church's inability to provide all congregations with full-time ordained pastoral ministry presents a challenge. On any given Sunday, congregations have needs that cannot be met by available ordained ministers.

Therefore, because it is the bishop's responsibility to meet the Word and Sacrament needs of the congregations in this Synod, synodically authorized Lay Worship Leaders are trained to meet this need. On behalf of the whole church, Bishop Driesen is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact Judy directly at the church office at 436-6213 or at [messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net). If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

JUST A THOUGHT – Jeremy Taylor, Anglican Cleric (1613 – 1667): If we refuse (to give) mercy here, we shall have justice in eternity.

### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

#### September 25, 2016 Worship Service

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
Attendance – 67	Attendance – 36	Sunday School - \$ 68.00
Total Offering - \$3,258.00		Benevolence - 205.00
		Building Fund - <u>420.00</u>
		\$ 693.00
General Fund - \$2,565.00		

PASTOR CHRIS MATHIASON will be our minister at Messiah on Sunday, November 6, 2016.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS – Any Messiah member who wishes to receive the monthly financial reports and the weekly tallies by email, please send Ann Beaver ([annbeaver@embarqmail.com](mailto:annbeaver@embarqmail.com)) your email address.

HARD COPIES OF THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY are now available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COPIES OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY PPC MINUTES are available on the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room.

HOME COMMUNION – The Compassionate Services Committee is again looking for people who would like to give Communion to our shut-ins. A rotating schedule of our shut-ins is used on a quarterly basis. If interested in this important ministry, contact Don Geedey. Phone: 436-6433 or Email: [geedey@centurylink.net](mailto:geedey@centurylink.net).

3-RING BINDERS ARE AVAILABLE in assorted sizes in the church office. Anyone who would like one may stop in during regular office hours.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT PACKETS (with green covers) are available on the piano. If you have any questions, call Ann Beaver at 436-9382.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to press quilt tops for "The Needlers." Tops can be taken home and pressed and brought back to the church. Anyone who is interested, please contact one of "The Needlers."

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

WEEKLY CHURCH 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.**

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**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4oz. to 5oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected 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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Velma Suloff will provide devotions.

THE MISSION ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod Action Day will be held at the Synod office on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Lewisburg. Speakers for this event will be Ruth Koble, Dr. Tom Martin and Kristie Hammaker. The topic is “Entitlements, an American Dream or a Nightmare?” Scripture for the day is Philippians 4:11-13. Bring a packed lunch, drinks and desserts will be provided. Contact Barb Geedey if you are interested in attending.

### **COMMUNITY**

THE CROP WALK will be held this year on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at Walker Township Park. Those walking for Messiah include Pat Fisher and Sam and Linda Leister. Others who wish to walk may contact Linda or Sam for an official envelope for donations. In lieu of walking, please consider sponsoring someone who is walking.

### **HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS**

**(These are the foods that are hard for us to get)**

TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS), STUFFING,  
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES,  
GRAVY MIX OR CANNED GRAVY, CAKE MIX AND  
READY-MADE ICING OR OTHER DESSERT MIX, OR  
A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/World Communion/Blanket Sunday.  
Lay Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room.  
-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.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School /Confirmation Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
Worship Leader: Rev. Leroy Reitz