# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2017 – 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

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

## **GATHERING**

- \* ENTRANCE HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" #328 Green Book
- \* GREETING
  - P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
  - C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
  - 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 (C sung)
  - L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
  - C Amen.
- \* HYMN OF PRAISE I & II Choir (**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 O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WORD

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension. FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

The First reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Acts.

## THE LESSON READS:

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (read responsively)

L – Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, <sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your

## mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

## ALL – Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds.

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

The Second reading is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Peter.

## THE LESSON READS:

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

# \* THE VERSE (Congregation)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

- \* GOSPEL: John 17:1-11
  - P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

## THE GOSPEL READS:

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁵Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ³for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ŶI am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹¹All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)
- \* THE VERSE (Congregation)

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

SERMON
HYMN OF DAY
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
#315 Green Book

\* 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 Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P We pray for the church. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord. Unite us in your love. Empower us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and springs. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from damage by earthquake, flood, wind, drought, fire, or hail. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P For the nations. For those who govern and all who hold authority. For those who have been displaced by warfare, economic hardship, or disaster. Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P For those in need. For those who are anxious. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or homeless. For those who grieve and all who are sick (especially all of our shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, Betty Karstetter, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Avonel & Rick Waller, Sr., Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, Michal Gayer, Letha Swab, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Randy Clark, Joyce Doyle, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Seth Arentz, Tom Lyter, Charlie Stouffer, Teresa Kauffman, Margaret Lowery, Butch & Sandy Pines, Janet Fultz, Jeff Sanders and Tammy Metz. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P For this assembly. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to the guiding of your Spirit. Fill us with compassion. Nourish us at your holy table. Strengthen us in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P With thanksgiving we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones and those who have given their lives in service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

- P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amem.

## \* 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:

[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 Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.
- C Amen.

### **MEAL**

- \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)
  - P The Lord be with you. C And al-so 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:
- C Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

## C Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

# C Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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 Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

## \* 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.

(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.

## \* 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 Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C Amen.

### **SENDING**

- \* BLESSING
  - P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
  - C A-men, A-men, (sung)
- \* CLOSING HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

#171 Green Book

### \* DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

### POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR - Marina Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD - Linda Clark (cup communion - Clint & Jamie Miller)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES - Haley Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER - Sam Leister

#### **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 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.

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 The Rev. Paul Kampa. We welcome him and pray God's blessing on him as he ministers to us this morning.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY NOON</u>.

JUST A THOUGHT – Warren Wendel Wiersbe, American Pastor (b. 1929): The Christian life is not a playground, it is a battlefield.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at <a href="mailto:dskint@nmax.net">dskint@nmax.net</a>. If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

THE DEADLINE for all items to be included in the Sunday bulletin is **Thursday noon**.

*IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR CHURCH-GOERS!!* Starting June 5, access to Cross Street in Mifflintown Borough, will become limited. Once the road is closed, it will remain closed to all vehicle and foot traffic until the borough of Mifflintown has the funds to fix the bridge that is underneath the roadway. Anyone who uses Cross Street on a regular basis to come to or leave church will need to now travel to and utilize Route 35 to access or leave the church.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>messiahlutheran@pa.net</u>. 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not "overbooked" in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email <a href="mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net">messiahlutheran@pa.net</a> for any changes or requests.

SUMMER SERVICE UPDATE – Since Pentecost and Holy Trinity are so late this calendar year, the Board of Worship and Music has decided that summer services will begin on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Worship services during the summer will begin at 9:15 a.m. (The format/liturgy for Pentecost and Holy Trinity will remain the same with the summer service format/liturgy beginning on June 18<sup>th</sup>). Regular (10:30 a.m.) worship services will resume on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

THE NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE for July, 2017 through June, 2018 will be completed soon. We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members are no longer able to help. If you would like to serve or have any changes you would like to make, please contact Diana Wise. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve.

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July, 2017 through June, 2018 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

MESSIAH'S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

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) your email address.

COPIES OF MARCH PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT PACKETS (with GOLDENROD covers) are available in the back of the sanctuary. 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."

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

KATE SWAILES is serving this year as our camp person, a liaison between Mount Luther and our congregation. Because we have a camp person, you can see her to get an additional discount in the camp store! For more information on summer camp programs, you can contact Kate or visit the camp website at <a href="https://www.campmountluther.org">www.campmountluther.org</a>. Submit your registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. Kate will submit the forms to Mount Luther.

GET EXCITED FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER! Campers of all ages are invited to attend Mount Luther this summer and take advantage of all the programs they have to offer! There are traditional, specialty and trip camps for school-aged kids and Family Camp for kids and adults. Mount Luther is located five miles west of Mifflinburg in Union County. This year's theme is "The Water of Life" giving campers a new awareness of how water and life are gifts from God. Don't forget, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get \$25 off your registration.

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

May 14, 2017 Worship Service	Sunday School	Other Funds	
Attendance – 60	Attendance – 32	Sunday School -	\$ 85.00
Total Offering - \$2958.00		Benevolence -	210.00
600.00		Building Fund -	200.00
General Fund - \$ 3358.00			
		Summer Camp -	105.00
		-	\$ 600.00

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.

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.

#### 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.

SEND A GIRL TO SCHOOL is the new project for the Women of the ELCA. We are setting a goal of \$1000.00 for this project. If you would like to contribute toward sending a girl to school you may do so by noting a donation on your church envelope marking it **WELCA project** or by placing your donation in the school box located on the piano by our chart which will track all of our donations. WELCA is beginning the donation with \$120.00. To send one girl to school the cost is \$40.00 but we will take any and all donations. If we go over our goal that would be wonderful. All money will be sent to the ELCA good gifts project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Barb Geedey.

ITEMS FOR THE SEAFARERS BAGS will be collected through the summer. Items needed are:

- -1 sweatshirt, preferably hooded (sizes L-XL)
- -3 pairs of socks (thermal or white gym socks)
- -1 pull-over T-shirt (sizes M-L)
- -1 knit heavy winter cap

### **COMMUNITY**

JUNE IS TRADITIONALLY MESSIAH'S VOLUNTEER MONTH at the Food Pantry (this June's Saturdays are June 3, 10, 17 and 24). It was hard for our church to come up with volunteers last year due to being "in flux," If anyone would like to volunteer this year, please do so as soon as possible by signing up on the sheet in the kitchenette. When you sign-up, please write your name and phone # next to the date and time(s) you want to volunteer. Up to 4 volunteers (including teenagers) can be used each Saturday. Please arrive by 8:30 for training and updates. Parking is at the rear of the building in the Staff/Volunteer lot. If you cannot come during your scheduled time, please call Kathy Queitzsch (436-9718) at the Food Panty at least a day ahead of time. If no one at Messiah volunteers, at Kathy Q's request, we will let her know as soon as possible so other volunteers can be recruited.

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

**Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class.

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Worship Leader: The Rev. Paul Kampa).

**Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.

**Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.

**Sunday:** -SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN.

-Pentecost/Wearing of the Red/Confirmation Sunday.

-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).