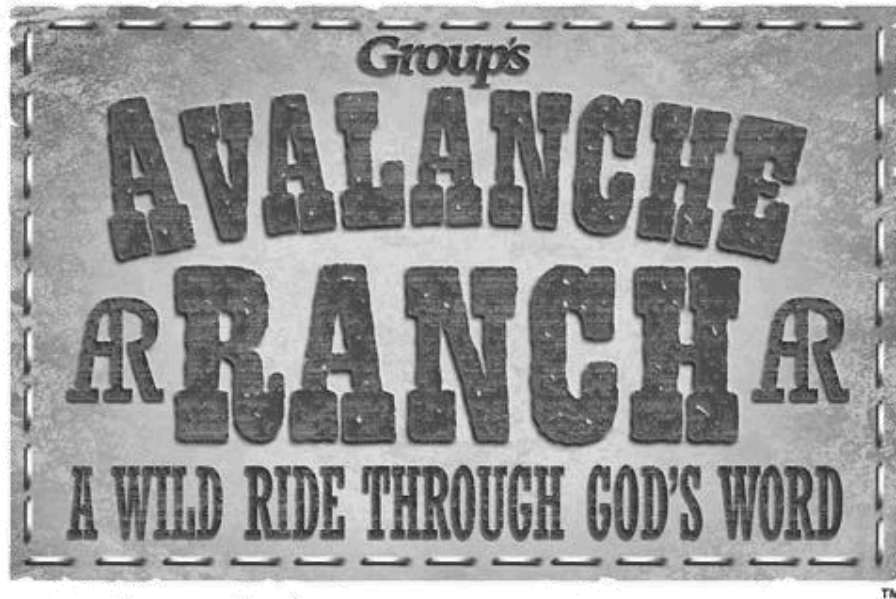


*“Proclaiming God’s Love
in Christ and His people”*



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VBS CLOSING PROGRAM

June 25th, 2017

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM June 25, 2017 – 9:15 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

PRELUDE: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” L. Smith
WELCOME

APPRECIATION FOR & RECOGNITION OF VBS CREW
VARIOUS THEMES & MUSIC FROM OUR TRIP TO THE AVALANCHE RANCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide” R. J. Hughes
[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].

* 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 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 Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.
A brief silence.

P God of grace, we give you thanks for renewing the church in every age. Bless missionaries who boldly proclaim your mercy throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Generous God, you love the sparrows and shower your whole creation with abundance. Guide our stewardship by your wisdom so that all life flourishes as you intend. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of peace, change the hearts of leaders who go to war. Enlighten their minds with your holy imagination, opening new paths to peace and renewed life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate God, you tell us not to fear, but we do. Give courage to everyone who faces oppression and bigotry, hunger and homelessness. Bring healing and hope to all your people (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, Tammy Metz, Joyce Bradley, Pat Fisher, Barbara P. Geedey, and Esther Rhine. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of community, thank you for the gift of this congregation. Bless all who are new here. Teach us how to welcome one another. Unite us as we proclaim your love. Shine through our common life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We give thanks for all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus and now rest in the fullness of Christ's resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

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"

(1) Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, Oh, now be extended, the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

(2) With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever-sharing, in love ever-caring, embracing his children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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).

COMMUNION: “Meditation On ‘O How I Love Jesus’” J. Rasley

DISTRIBUTION

[“INTINCTIO” – dip your wafer in the wine. (If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal.) Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish are invited to stand to the side at the chancel rail after partaking, for a time of silent meditation.]

* 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

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Marina Holderman
NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Christie Holderman
NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Nate Swailes & Tyler Rosenberry
NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Stephen Rodgers

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 worshipping 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) 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by George & Kay Varner.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Samuel Leister 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 Collins is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

JUST A THOUGHT – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Theologian and Martyr (1906 – 1945): The responsible person seeks to make his or her whole life a response to the question and call of God.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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 the church office at 436-6213 or 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.

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 messiahlutheran@pa.net for any changes or requests.

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

MT. LUTHER has had to rebuild their waste water treatment system thanks to a bear as well as out-dated systems that needed to be replaced as they were not functioning properly after 20 years. The costs have exceeded \$100,000.00. Please, if you can, add an amount to your giving and note that it is for the Mt. Luther waste water treatment system. This is totally separate from the monies received for campers. Any and all amounts will be forwarded to Camp Mt. Luther. You may also send donations directly to Camp Mount Luther at 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Thank you!

THANK YOU – The Fellowship Board deserves our hearty thank you for the Sunday, June 18, luncheon and for all the other events they sponsored and worked for throughout the past church year. They work hard and well, planning enjoyable events for us even though we sometimes forget to show our appreciation. Thank you so much to Barb and her committee for their continuing service of creating opportunities for sharing fellowship and food. THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

June 18, 2017 Worship Service

Attendance – 61

Total Offering - \$2272.00

835.00

General Fund \$1437.00

Sunday School

Attendance 0 N/A

Other Funds

Benevolence - \$ 95.00

Summer Camp - 205.00

World Hunger - 100.00

Building Fund - 435.00

\$835.00

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.

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT PACKETS (with GREEN 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.

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.

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 www.campmountluther.org. 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.

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

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION will be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, July 22, 2017. The theme is “All Anew-Renewal of Spirit and Hope.” Cost is \$40.00 to cover Brunch, Lunch, Facilities, and cost of speakers. Registration is due by July 1. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barb Geedey or Linda Leister.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY

BACKPACK PROGRAM: SINGLE SERVE FRUIT CUPS
AND SINGLE SERVE MAC AND CHEESE
WE ALSO NEED DISH SOAP AND PAPER TOWELS

*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY &
DISCOUNT STORES

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/Vacation Bible School Closing Program. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).
- Monday:** -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. (Lay Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers).