

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VBS CLOSING PROGRAM

June 24th, 2018

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 24, 2018 – 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:
WELCOME

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

D. Paxton

APPRECIATION FOR & RECOGNITION OF VBS CREW
VARIOUS THEMES & MUSIC FROM OUR TRIP ON THE SERENGETI TREK

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

P Holy God, you send messengers to purify and refine your people, and your hand was with John, who prepared the way for Jesus. Renew and embolden your church to share the message of salvation by the forgiveness of sins. Let the youth of our churches hear your love for them (as they gather in Houston this coming week). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy God, maker of heaven and earth and all things within them, bless this summer season and make us faithful stewards of your abundant provisions. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy God, you do not leave your people defenseless. Guide the leaders of the nations so that they will be people after your own heart who carry out your wishes. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy God, by your tender mercy the dawn from on high breaks upon us. Give the light of hope to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death so that they know your steadfast love. Today we pray especially for our shut-ins, the sick, and those who may be grieving who are in our hearts and minds listed here: Kitty Walters, Jane Marhefka, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Randy Clark, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Tom Lyter, Butch & Sandy Pines, Joyce Bradley, Minnie Minick, Bob Bell, Megan Hart, Austin Parker, Terry Coder, John Towsey, Barbara Wengerd, Rich Walters, Sieber Stoner, Mary Sanders, Jane Ann Baney, Lysha Maldonado, Donna Barton, Carolina Rubio and family, Josh Hohol, Carol Smith, Noel Peachey, Shirley Miller, Jean Zimmerman, Elienai Ramirez, Larry Miller, Mike Maugans, Jamie Miller, Lester Eisenacher, James Graham, and Leslie Lloyd Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy God, watch over this community of faith and guard our hearts, minds, words, and actions. Inspire our youth to grow in faith. Keep in your care those who travel, those who are moving to a new home, and those who have no home. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Gracious giving God, give us your help again, just as you have always done. Remind us of your care. Let there be gratitude in our congregation, for all that is needful has been sent and ordained for us already. As our Call Committee works to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we be strengthened for this task with the thought that your providing reaches to every need of your church. Our Call Committee and community of believers are your church, too. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy God, you have looked favorably upon your people and have raised up a mighty savior for all in Jesus. Raise us up on the last day with all who have died in Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; 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

[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.

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.

* 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.

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

DISTRIBUTION

“A Communion Medley”

R. Lau

[“INTINCTION” – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* CLOSING HYMN “Take My Life, that I May Be”

- (1) Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- (2) Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- (3) Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- (4) Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
- (5) Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- (6) Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

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

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Zeb Berry & Jade Britcher

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Andrea Cameron

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) 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of John and Helen Sieber by George and Kay Varner and family.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Sam 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 – Eli Cass, Christian Thinker: The cross is the invincible sanctuary of the humble.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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 the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. 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.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Sam Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

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 mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

HERSHEY PARK TICKETS will be available in the church office (in the next week or two) for a discounted price of \$34.50. Regular price is normally \$67.80 per ticket. If you would like to purchase tickets, please call the church office at 436-6231 to make sure we received them. If you have any questions regarding the tickets, please contact Kate Swailes.

THE NEXT VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be held THIS MORNING following the Worship Service. Business: Board Reports and election of new PPC officers and board members.

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."

COPIES OF APRIL 2, 2018 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

HOME COMMUNION NEEDS HELP – The Compassionate Services Committee is again looking for at least two people who would like to give communion to our shut-ins. A rotating schedule of our shut-ins will be used on a quarterly basis. Training is available. Complete Home Communion kits are also available, including all liturgy needed. If interested in this important ministry, contact Don Geedey at 717-436-6433 or geedey@centurylink.net.

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

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 17, 2018

Attendance

Worship Service – 49

Total Offering \$2,014.00
Other Funds \$ 415.00
General Fund \$1,599.00

Other Funds

Benevolence - \$ 55.00
Building Fund - \$ 210.00
Summer Camp - \$ 150.00
Total \$ 415.00

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.

WELCA IS COLLECTING items for Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed are: 2 light-weight cotton T-shirts (NO ONESIES), 2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (WITHOUT FEET), 2 receiving blankets (medium-weight cotton or flannel, crocheted, or knitted with light-weight yarn up to 52 inches square), 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap, 2 pairs of socks, 1 hand towel (dark color), 2 diaper pins or large safety pins. Sizes are to be from 6 months to 24 months.

WELCA will soon be collecting donations for the Oxen and Plow project through the ELCA Good Gifts program and will also be sponsoring 3 school children in Liberia.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther. The theme for this year's convention is "Called to Serve," based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 and 1 Peter 4:10. The bible Study leader is Jodi Ellis and Pastor Ann Zimmerman is the worship leader. Contact Barb Geedey, Linda Leister or Cynthia Smith if you are interested in attending. Registration is due by June 29th.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY:
CLEANING SUPPLIES, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
AND DIAPERS (SIZES 5 AND 6).
BACKPACK PROGRAM: SINGLE SERVE FRUIT CUPS,
JELLO CUPS, NON CHOCOLATE PUDDING, AND SINGLE SERVE MEALS.
WE GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS
AND GIFT CARDS.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR JULY

July 1: Ed Beaver, Harmonica
July 8: Christian Seay, Vocal
July 15: Gene Hoffmaster, French Horn
July 22: Pricilla Conrad Auer, Violin
July 29: Suzy Howarth & Mother, Vocal

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/VBS Program. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).
-Voters Assembly meeting following worship service. Business: Board Reports and election of new PPC officers and board members.

Monday: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion (Lay Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron).