

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *ALL SAINTS SUNDAY*

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## All Saints Day

November 4, 2018 – 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

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

RECOGNITION OF ALL SAINTS

**P** O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially Jean McNaight, Reba Sigler, Pat Forney, Sara Ann Aurand, Jane Cleck, Don Lewis, Leon Kramer, Betty Karstetter, Lura Aughey, and Ed Singer. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C Amen.**

P One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN “For All the Saints” (vss. 1-4) #174 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

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

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (sung)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (I & 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.



PSALM: Psalm 24

Ps. – Intoned by Choir

**R – Sung by congregation (Rise, O children of salvation, All who cleave to Christ the head!)**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas and established it up- | on the rivers. R**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD, and who may stand in God's | holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing | from the LORD and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this | King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this | King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory. R**

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

The Second Lesson is from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

\* THE VERSE (Sung by Choir)

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. Alleluia. [Revelation 7:15]

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

(read by the Pastor from the center aisle)

\* GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM:

SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"For All Your Saints, O Lord"

\* NICENE CREED (all)

Pastor Chris Mathiason

Junior Choir

Pastor Chris Mathiason

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**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 With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

P Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief. 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, Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Butch & Sandy Pines, Joyce Bradley, Minnie Minick, Austin Parker, Terry Coder, Barbara Wengerd, Rich Walters, Mary Sanders, Jane Ann Baney, Lysha Maldonado, Donna Barton, Carolina Rubio and family, Josh Hohol, Noel Peachey, Shirley Miller, Jean Zimmerman, Elienai Ramirez, Larry Miller, Mike Maugans, Jamie Miller, Ed Fraker, Ben & Dorothy Towsey, Tami Metz, Dottie Wilson, Sieber Stoner, Megan Shoop, the family of Lura Aughey, the victims of Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, and victims of the Pittsburgh Synagogue

shooting. Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality. Make us eager to receive those you send to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Gracious accompanying God, the One in whom we live and move and have our being, give us a vision of the times of our lives, the new situations in which we live out our faith in Jesus. May we ask anew what it means to be the Church in our time, our place. And as our Call Committee continues to work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we all welcome according to your Spirit the one you may send to us to lead us at the appropriate time into the new days ahead. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous (Jean McNaught, Reba Sigler, Pat Forney, Sara Ann Aurand, Jane Cleck, Don Lewis, Leon Kramer, Betty Karstetter, Ed Singer), and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Offertory on Land of Rest

David Paxton

[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") (sung) (all)

**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 Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

\* PREFACE

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

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

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

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

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**C Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

\* LAMB OF GOD **(sung) (all)**

**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

["AT CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

### \* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**

### \* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone 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 Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our 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.**

## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

P The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

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

\* CLOSING HYMN "For All the Saints" (vss. 5-8) #174 Green Hymnal

### \* DISMISSAL

P Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE:

By All Your Saints Still Striving

Lani Smith

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Next Week's Lector – Kate Swailes  
Next Week's Altar Guild – Tawny Mummah  
Next Week's Worship Leader – Rev. Rosalie Smith  
Next Week's Acolytes – Hope Miller & Hannah Ehrisman

## **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 Pastor Chris Mathiason. We welcome him and pray God's blessing on him as he ministers to us this morning.

WE ARE ALSO 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Braedon Walton's birthday by Butch and Sandy Pines and Dan and Michelle Stoner.

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS DAY and on this day we remember, with thanksgiving, all of the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. All believers in Christ who have been made holy, (sanctified) by the blood of Christ, are saints. We especially honor those of the congregation who have gone on to the other side of eternal life since last All Saints Sunday. They are: Jean McNaight, Reba Sigler, Pat Forney, Sara Ann Aurand,

Jane Cleck, Don Lewis, Leon Kramer, Betty Karstetter, Lura Aughey, and Ed Singer. A white carnation has been placed on the cross in the front of the church in memory of each of these people. Family members may come forward after the service and take a carnation placed in memory of their loved one. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors.”

GOD CREATES SIX NEW SAINTS TODAY through His Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome into the fellowship of our congregation Robert and Jessie Reed and their children Nicholas, Gabriella, Sofia and Stella. We are pleased to have them become a part of the Messiah family.

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): The confession of evil works is the first step of good works.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

THE NOVEMBER 2018 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office at [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair at [stclairb@embargmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embargmail.com) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at [www.mlcimiffintown.org](http://www.mlcimiffintown.org). Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

SAVE THE DATE – On the afternoon of November 18<sup>th</sup>, Messiah Youth will hold a craft event with RustiCountry DeSign at Messiah. Participants will sign up in advance and make a beautiful wooden sign, choosing one of three Christmas designs to be given as a gift or cherished in your own home. The cost to participate is \$40. A flyer with detailed information, including pictures of the signs, is forthcoming.

TODAY MESSIAH’S YOUTH WILL MEET after church to make individual pizzas together, plan future events, and come up with a catchy name for our Youth group. The Youth Committee members will supply the basic ingredients (crust, sauce, cheese, and pepperoni) but make sure to bring your favorite special topping. Parents are welcome to participate with their kids but don’t have to stay, just plan to pick them up by 2 p.m. Please let us know if you plan to attend with an RSVP to Tawny Mummah.

ON THANKOFFERING SUNDAY, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we also take time to remember those who have served our country and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. On this Sunday, we will also celebrate Veteran’s Day, or Armistice Day – a day which also commemorates the signing that took place at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918....the end of the “War to End All Wars”....the hopes and dreams of the signers. At 11:00 a.m., we will ring

our church bell, joining other churches across our nation, and pause to remember and reflect upon the day. During our morning worship service, we will also take time to pause and to pray, thanking God for the blessing of this beautiful country and for those who have gone before us in many ways to keep our country safe on all levels and from sea to shining sea.

**NITTANY OIL COMPANY CHURCH REBATE PROGRAM** – Help our church while heating your home. Nittany Energy will donate 4 cents to our church for every gallon purchased from Nittany Oil from September 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. This is a free program at no cost to our church or to you. It's easy to enroll by contacting Terry Wian at 570-651-5028 or [terryw@nittanyoil.com](mailto:terryw@nittanyoil.com).

**A VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** will be held on Sunday, November 25, 2018 following the worship service. Business: approval of the 2019 proposed budget and minutes of the boards.

**BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASS** – If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to become a member of Messiah and attend the New Member Class, please let the church office know so a class can be scheduled.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** – Please let the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

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

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED** – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2019 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sam Leister or the church office.

**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 JULY 22, 2018 PPC MINUTES** are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

**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 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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 28, 2018

Attendance

Worship Service – 54  
Sunday School - 20  
Total Offering     \$2,476.93  
Other Funds         \$ 546.93  
General Fund        \$1,930.00

Other Funds

Benevolence -         \$     150.00  
Building Fund -        \$     325.00  
Sunday School -        \$      21.93  
Hurricane Disaster -   \$      50.00  
Total                    \$     546.93

**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.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA meeting will be on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. All women are invited to attend.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – We are sponsoring 6 children this year. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by December 9<sup>th</sup>, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child’s name and number on the tag.

**COMMUNITY**

**FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS STILL NEEDED:**

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.) OR TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), STUFFING, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, AND ICING; OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL! WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS & GIFT CARDS.

**NOTE:** Don’t miss the 11<sup>th</sup> annual “Save Thanksgiving Benefit Concert” on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Port Royal Community Building. Many local bands will be performing, and admission is a donation of cash or food to benefit the Food Pantry.

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -All Saints Day.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).  
-11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Youth Group in Kitchen and Fellowship Hall.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting class in Jr. Church Room.  
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -7:00 p.m., WELCA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -Thankoffering Sunday  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Worship Leader: Rev. Rosalie Smith).  
-11:30 a.m., Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FALL FEST**  
November 11, 2018



The WELCA Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 with Rev. Rosalie Miller as our worship leader and speaker for the day. A congregational meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Turkey Breasts and beverages provided by the Parish Fellowship Committee.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish (if they are able). The covered dish can be anything (maybe your favorite Fall dish), but anything is acceptable.

The congregation is also asked to bring items for the Food Pantry on Thankoffering Sunday and they will be displayed in the front of the altar area.

(Please tear off bottom of sheet and place in offering plate)

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**MESSIAH'S FALL FEST**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing covered dish ( )YES ( ) NO \_\_\_\_\_