

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION/BLANKET SUNDAY

October 7, 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

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

BLESSING FOR BLANKET SUNDAY

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

C We celebrate being the children of God.

L We give thanks for the soap and the variety of gifts needed for these quilts, school kits, and baby care kits and the talents of the hands that sewed the quilts and the patience of those who filled and assembled the school kits and baby care kits. We also

give thanks for the time donated by those who deliver the soap, quilts and kits to their pick-up point.

C We celebrate generosity.

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

C We celebrate community.

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

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

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

C We celebrate the gift of life.

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

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

C Amen

*** BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and un-

known, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN “Blessing and Honor” #525 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (sung)

P Kyrie, eleison: C Lord, have mercy.

P Christe, eleison: C Christ, have mercy.

P Kyrie, eleison: C Lord, have mercy.

* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

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

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

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

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

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth, and peace to God’s people on earth.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis 2:18-24

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 8 (responsively)

L – You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!?

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All – You crown us with glory and honor.

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

THE LESSON READS:

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

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

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

* GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM:

SERMON

Pastor Erin Bovendam

Junior Choir

Pastor Erin Bovendam

* HYMN OF THE DAY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#479 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') (all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

P Holy God, send your blessing out into the world through missionaries, evangelists, and servants of your church. Through them spread good news to all who need it (as you did through Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, whom we commemorate today). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We praise you for the animals of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the works of your hands. Let our care for all you have made reflect your desire for the health of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Rule the nations of this world with the same grace you employ to align planets, stars, and moons. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Deliver your care to your children who feel unworthy of care. Bend down low to lift up people who struggle to find others who will embrace them in time of need. 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, 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, and victims of Hurricane Florence. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bring reconciliation among this community. Heal relationships that are broken. When we face division, open our eyes to signs of new life. 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 Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your unbreakable covenant. 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:

[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

["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.

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

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" #561 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barb S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Braedon Walton & Zeb Berry

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Richard Beck

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 Warren and Claire Mummah.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Rev. Erin Bovendam. We welcome her and pray God's blessing on her as she ministers to us this morning.

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): God is more anxious to bestow his blessings on us than we are to receive them.

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.

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY and along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelope that is included with your bulletin today (additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room). Please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and place in the offering plate or give to Cynthia Smith.

OUR THANKS TO “THE NEEDLERS” for sewing all of the lovely quilts you see today and for decorating the chancel and nave this morning. The quilts on display will be donated by “The Needlers” as their Blanket Sunday offering. Blankets/quilts and kits will be taken to the Synod Office parking lot in Lewisburg on Saturday, October 13, 2018. The quilts will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief and also given to Messiah members who are now

in nursing homes. A report of the total number of quilts made and other items being sent will be printed in the bulletin after everything is packed for shipment. The covers on the altar and lecterns were made by Carole Nace.

THE OCTOBER 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 and bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at 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 18th, 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.

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER, Messiah Youth will be regularly meeting on the first Sunday of every month following our church service. During our first meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018, we will make individual pizzas together, plan future events, and come up with a catchy name for our youth group. If you have any ideas for a name like “Sunday Soldiers” or “Messiah’s Mighty Youth” for the kids to consider, please be sure to share! During our monthly meetings, parents are welcome to participate with their kids but don’t have to stay, just plan to pick them up by 2:00 p.m. On Sunday, December 2nd, we plan to make holiday cards and treats for delivery to our shut-ins.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, October 21, 2018 following the worship service.

PPC WILL MEET on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING – New acolyte training will take place in October. Any youth in grade 3 and older may participate. Please contact the church office or Sam Leister if you are interested in this service to our Lord. A new schedule will be made for November and beyond once the training is complete.

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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 46		Benevolence -	\$ 90.00
Sunday School - 22		Building Fund -	\$ 130.00
Total Offering	\$2,274.25	Sunday School -	\$ 48.00
Other Funds	\$ 365.00	World Hunger -	\$ 50.00
General Fund	\$1,909.25	Flowers -	\$ 47.00
		Total	\$ 365.00

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 WELCA MEETING will be Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Program leader will be Diana Wise.

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.

COMMUNITY

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

THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY Board of Directors cordially invites you to our annual meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Juniata County Food Pantry, 114 N. Main Street, Mifflintown. The agenda will include an overview of the Food Pantry’s ministry to the hungry in the past year, recognition of volunteers and outgoing board members, and election of new board members. The meeting will be followed by light refreshments. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Food Pantry at jcfp122017@gmail.com or 717-436-9718.

CROP WALK SUNDAY is October 14, 2018 at Walker Township Park. Registration at 12:30 p.m. and Walk and 5k run at 1:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -WORLD COMMUNION/BLANKET SUNDAY.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon. (Worship Leader: Rev. Erin Bovendam).
- 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:** -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area.
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -7:00 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Richard Beck.