

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



*THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY*

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REFORMATION DAY TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 28, 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: “Built On A Rock” E. Broughton

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,
C **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #369 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE (C - 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 (sung) 1 & II – Cantor C – All

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

C **This is the feast of victory for our god. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

II Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

II For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The First Lesson is from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

THE LESSON READS:

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor **R – Sung by Congregation**

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that | I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (sung)

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

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

* GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Andrea Cameron

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak" #403 Green Hymnal

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P 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, work in your church across denominational and cultural divisions to form us into a more complete expression of your holy community. Show the world your likeness through us. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P By rain, rivers, and oceans, remind us how your word flows through this world, surrounding us with grace. Keep us always in the covenant that is sealed in water and Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Free us from the lies we tell ourselves or others in order to justify our words and actions. Lead us to speak honestly and to listen humbly, and reveal your truth among us. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Be a stronghold for people who are in danger this day. 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, Megan Shoop, and victims of Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. In your righteous presence cause the evil that surrounds them to flee, and clothe them with your mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Continue making all things new. Seal your covenant with humankind, and write your law on our hearts. Make repentance a regular habit for us so that forgiveness abounds. 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 Guide all the saints in proclaiming the good news of salvation in Christ (as you did with Simon and Jude, apostles). Bring your people eternally into Christ's presence on the last day. 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: "If You But Trust In God To Guide You" G. Peterson

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

ANTHEM: "God Is Our Refuge" Gluck

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards') (sung)

C 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 God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

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 You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sung) C 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 Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

*** LAMB OF GOD (sung)**

C 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: “Consider and Hear Me” C. Pflueger & R. C. Wilson
[“AT THE 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 and Savior 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 Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our

witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C Amen.

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

*** SENDING HYMN** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #229 Green Hymnal

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark (Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES –

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Sam Leister

WELCOME

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads but also in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for 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 Warren ‘Dutch’ Walters by Kitty, Deb, Cyndi and Bob.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Andrea Cameron 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 – John Calvin, French Reformer and Father of the Presbyterian Church (1509 – 1564): The world invents its own good works and persuades itself that they are good.

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.

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.

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 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.

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.

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.

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING as of October 13th totaled \$734.00.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet today in the Library following the worship service.

PPC WILL MEET this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area (Executive Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the church office).

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 OCTOBER 21, 2018

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 56	Benevolence -	\$ 80.00
Sunday School - 27	Building Fund -	\$ 1,919.25
Total Offering \$6,013.50	Sunday School -	\$ 90.00

Other Funds \$3,828.50
 General Fund \$2,185.00

Hurricane Disaster - \$ 50.00
 Memorial Fund - \$ 1,689.25
 Total \$ 3,828.50

MANY, MANY THANKS for all of the nice cards I received for my birthday. They were all greatly appreciated.

Edith Nipple

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Reformation Sunday.
 -Food Pantry Sunday.
 -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
 -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron.
 -6:30 p.m., Executive Committee meeting in church office.
 -7:00 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- 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:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
 -5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -All Saints' Sunday.
 -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.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
FALL FEST
November 11, 2018



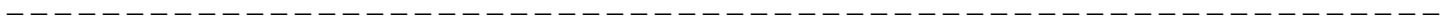
The WELCA Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 with Rev. Rosalie Miller as our worship leader and speaker for the day. A congregational meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Turkey Breasts and beverages provided by the Parish Fellowship Committee.

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.

CHIMES WILL SOUND AT 11:00 AM IN HONOR OF ARMISTICE DAY

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MESSIAH'S FALL FEST

Name(s) _____

Bringing covered dish ()YES () NO _____