

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## ***ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 2019 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

“Cantilene”

William Faulkes

[Please use the Prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for Worship]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

### \* 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 unknown, 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**

\* GATHERING HYMN                      “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”                      #131 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 O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by  
great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind**

**and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

### FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 58:9b-14

#### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Lector:                   The word of the Lord.  
Congregation:       **Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

### PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8 (responsively)

L – The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**All – The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.**

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

## SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 12:18-29

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

### \* GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you

are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #499 Green Hymnal

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**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 THE PEOPLE

P Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

A brief silence.

P Lord of mercy, we cry to you for help, trusting in your compassion for your whole creation. Raise up the baptized to offer Christ's healing and forgiveness to all in distress. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We rejoice in your creation: water that nourishes lands and creatures, gardens and fields with a diversity of plants. Bless scientists and artists who show us new ways of understanding the complex beauty around us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We seek the kingdom that cannot be shaken. Come to the rescue of those who are displaced by war, famine, or other disasters. Bless diplomats, peacekeepers, rescue workers, and all who are given aid through their efforts, so that peace and plenty prevail. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** You provide deliverance and justice for all who are oppressed. Free those in bondage to substances, gambling, or other forms of addiction. Release victims of human trafficking and bring them to safety. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** You know our needs in this community. Heal the hurts of all bent over with sickness, aging, or suffering. Today, we pray especially for our shut-ins, the sick, and those who are in need of our prayers, compassion, and care, and who are listed in our prayer list located in the announcements section of our bulletin.

(Pause for additional prayer requests.)

Accompany those who visit homebound members, the hospitalized, and those who are in prison. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

**P** You raise up witnesses in every generation. As we remember those who have passed into your peace before us, comfort us in the sure hope of your Son's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**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:

“Meditation”

C. F. Becker

[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].

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Prayer” with “Lead Us Lord”

Carole Bayer Sager  
and David Foster

Soloist: Mary Ann Willis

\* 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 forever. Amen.**

**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].

[**Gluten Free?** If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel].

**\* COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C Amen.**

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

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

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

**\* SENDING HYMN** "Just as I Am, without One Plea" #296 Green Hymnal

**\* DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes A. Schreiner

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith (8/26 – 9/29)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Paige Martin & Grace Miller

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Hope Miller & Julia Martin

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Sam Leister

## PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker  
Jane Ann Baney  
Donna Barton  
Lindsey Barton  
Bob Bell  
Joyce Bradley  
Andrea & Bob Cameron  
Don Clark  
Terry Coder  
Leann Crimmel  
Will DeLancy  
Fred Dowling  
Deanna Fawver  
Ed Fraker  
Joan Fulkroad  
Edie Kay Gill  
Angelica Hannon & Family

Pastor Charlie Harshberger  
Josh Hohol  
Matt Hutchinson  
Curt & Judy Houtz  
Denny King  
Kevin Kint  
Carol Lyter  
Mike Maugans  
Carlen McClure  
Anne McNaight  
Tami Metz  
John Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller  
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Messiah's Call Committee  
Minnie Minick

Edith Nipple  
Austin Parker  
Noel Peachey  
Butch & Sandy Pines  
Betty Ranck  
Mary Sanders  
Mackenzie Shearer & Family  
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair  
Sieber & Ona Stoner  
Kay Stuck  
Dorothy Towsey  
Rich Walters  
Sandy Wert  
Dottie Wilson  
Jim Woltman  
Dorothy Zeiders  
Linda Zimmerman

## PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm  
Ruth Cisney  
Max & Mary Ernest  
Mona Lawson

Jane Marhefka  
Carol Simonton  
Kitty Walters  
Jim Yetter

## WELCOME

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record 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. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the pastor.**

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

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

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 loved ones by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin. We welcome him and pray God's blessing on him as he ministers to us this morning.

JUST A THOUGHT – French Proverb: Years of repentance are necessary in order to blot out a sin in the eyes of men, but one tear of repentance suffices with God.

### **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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY at 9:15 a.m. There are classes for all ages. The newest class is for post-confirmation or all youth in grades 7 to 12. This class will be taught by Carolyn Bryner and will be held in the office area.

COPIES OF JULY 28, 2019 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

A SIGN-UP SHEET is posted in the Kitchenette for refreshments on Sunday mornings between Sunday School and church. Only one item is needed for each Sunday (such as a coffee cake, donut holes, etc.).

OUR NEXT EVENT is an Apple Festival on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Board will provide some apple desserts and beverages, as well as paper products. You are invited to bring your favorite apple dish as well.

BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC will meet following the worship service today.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER has a need for small bookshelves and night stands for the counselors to use when staying in each of the cabins. Please contact Kate Swailes at 717-649-0820 if you are able to donate one of these

items.

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.

A REMINDER that the summer worship services will continue through Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, with worship beginning at 9:15 a.m. Regular worship service, with service time at 10:30 a.m. will return on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.

GIVING REPORT FOR AUGUST 18, 2019

Attendance

Worship Service – 79

Total Offering      \$2,738.00

Other Funds      \$ 280.00

General Fund      \$2,458.00

Other Funds

Benevolence -      \$      45.00

Building Fund -      \$      185.00

VBS -      \$ 50.00

Total      \$      280.00

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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WELCA IS COLLECTING items for the Seafarers’ Kits. Anyone who would like to contribute can bring items to the church and place them in the container provided for them. The items needed are: one sweatshirt (hooded or unhooded in sizes L-XL), 3 pairs of socks (thermal or white gym socks), one casual pull-over T-shirt in sizes M-L, and one heavy winter cap. The Seafarers enjoy sports teams and NASCAR heroes.

COLLECTION for Fabric Kits includes: 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO KNITS OR 100% POLYESTER). Each piece of fabric is to be 2¼ yards of 58”—62” wide fabric, or 3 yards of 42”—45” wide fabric, or 4 yards of 34”—37” wide fabric, and 2 spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Ann Beaver will be the leader and Jean Compton will provide refreshments.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST

DISH SOAP, CLEANING SUPPLIES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BABY WIPES, BABY PRODUCTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, (ESPECIALLY SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS), AND SISSORS. DONATIONS OF CHECKS/CASH AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

THE 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUNIATA COUNTY 5k Fun Walk/Run will be held Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Walker Township Park, Mifflintown. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:00 p.m. CROP Walks support Church World Service as they partner with hunger ministries in the United States and around the world. As part of that partnership, 25% of the funds the local CROP Walk raises will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry and Juniata County Meals-on-Wheels. There is no registration fee. Instead, walkers are asked to collect donations from friends and turn in those donations on the day of the walk. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP. You can register online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa). Your supporters can make their donations online if they would like, or get a collection envelope by emailing Graham Fowler at [gflower66@gmail.com](mailto:gflower66@gmail.com) or by calling the Lost Creek Presbyterian Church Office at 717-463-3138. If you have friends that like to walk together, form a team. You can include team information with your online registration or when you register the day of the walk. For more information or for promotional materials, check out our Facebook page: Juniata Co CROP 5k Fun Walk/Run.

JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on **Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. 'rain or shine.'** The event will be held under a large tent located on the upper Juniata County Fairgrounds (located in the general area of the George Settlemyer Livestock Building and along the Juniata County Fairgrounds roadway that is adjacent to 8<sup>th</sup> street and leads toward the free stage area). Juniata County Ministerium members/pastors will lead the community worship service. Special music will be provided by combined JHS & EJHS student musicians. Special thanks go to JHS band director Brad Eargle and EJHS band director Kevin Milliken! **Please bring your own lawn chair. Suggestion:** arrive at 4:00 p.m. to secure a parking space and your lawn chair seating position. A free-will offering will be collected to help support our local Juniata County Food Pantry and Juniata County Clearing House. **This annual community worship service is held thanks to the ongoing support of the Juniata County Agricultural Society and the Juniata County Fair Board of Directors.**

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:**                   -(Final early service for 2019)  
                                  -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. (Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin).  
                                  -Board of Worship & Music meeting following worship service.
- Monday:**               -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:**             -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:**               -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister)