"Growing God's Kingdom"



NINTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20th, 2019 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Messiah Lutheran Church

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*Please Stand as YOU Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP PRELUDE:

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

- * BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
 - P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C Amen.

- P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.
- P God our helper,
- C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
- C Amen.

GATHERING

- * 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

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

- P Let us pray...
- C O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

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

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

*GOSPEL.....Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'' ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?''

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

* APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 (Prayers read by Worship Leader)

- P Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of Christ 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].

ANTHEM:

* 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. God our provider,
- C We bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

- P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- 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.

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,

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

- * BLESSING
 - P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.
 - C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)
- * SENDING HYMN "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak" #403 Green Hymnal
- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
 - C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Kate Swailes NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (Sept. 30 to Oct. 27) (cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller) NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Paige Martin & Nick Reed NEXT WEEK'S CRUCIFER – Slone Smith NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Julia Martin & Zeb Berry 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 Pam Campbell (Tawny Mummah's Mother) Don Clark Terry Coder Leann Crimmel Will Delancev Fred Dowling Deanna Fawver Jerry Foltz Ed Fraker Joan Fulkroad Eddi Kay Gill

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PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm Ruth Cisney Max & Mary Ernest Mona Lawson

Edith Nipple Austin Parker Noel Peachev 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

Jane Marhefka Carol Simonton Kitty Walters Jim Yetter

WELCOME TO ALL

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.

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 honor of Dan and Michelle Stoner's Anniversary by Butch and Sandy Pines.

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 – Eli Cass, Christian Thinker: The cross is the invincible sanctuary of the humble.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY</u> <u>NOON.</u>

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>sleister@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u> for any changes or requests.

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who signed-up for October snacks for Sunday mornings. The November signup sheet is now available. Monetary contributions would also be appreciated to purchase plates, napkins, etc.

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.

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 HOU	RS 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 OFFERING REPORT FOR OCTOBER 13, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>			Other Funds
Worship Service	- 59	Benevolence	\$ 120.00
Sunday School –	21	Building Fund	\$ 110.00
·		Sunday School	\$ 38.00
Total Offering	\$2,026.00	Flowers	<u>\$ 22.00</u>
Other Funds	<u>\$ 290.00</u>	Total	\$ 290.00
General Fund	\$1,736.00		

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.

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION Fall Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Camp Mount Luther. "We All Are One In *Mission"* will be presented by Pastor Sarah Hershberger. Cost will be \$20.00 and includes coffee, tea, snacks, lunch and the program. Registration deadline is <u>October 25th</u>. All women are invited to attend. Please contact Barb Geedey for a registration form.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY - Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and <u>YOU</u> to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive, please give generously. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

(THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET) – TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, (OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!).

THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY Board of Directors cordially invites you to our Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Juniata County Food Pantry, 114 N. Main St., 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 mire information or to RSVP, please contact the Food Pantry at jcfp122017@gmail.com or 436-9718.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today:	 -9:15 a.m., Sunday School. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church/Children's Sermon. (Lay Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron). -Special Congregational Voter's Assembly following Worship Service for the purpose of voting on the proposal with Sam Leister.
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.
Friday:	-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
Saturday:	-All day & evening, Quilters Guild in Fellowship Hall.
Sunday:	 -Reformation Sunday. -9:15 a.m., Sunday School. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister) -Special Congregational Voter's Assembly following Worship Service to vote on proposal to upgrade heating and air conditioning system. -7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.





The WELCA Thankoffering Service will be held on <u>Sunday, November 10, 2019</u> with Rev. Erin Bovendam as our worship leader and speaker for the day. A congregational meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. 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. Beverages will be provided by the Parish Fellowship Committee.

The congregation is also asked to bring items for the Food Pantry between now and Thankoffering Sunday and they will be displayed in the front of the altar area. Monetary donations may be placed in the wooden box in the front of the Adult Sunday School Room. A \$20 donation will purchase one complete meal for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

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

MESSIAH'S FALL FEST

Name(s)_

Bringing covered dish ()YES ()NO_____