

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY*

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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#### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.*

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## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 24, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

R. W. Thygerson

[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, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

**C Amen.**

P Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

**C we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.**

P At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are + forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" #171 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 (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.**

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

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

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

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

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

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

**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.**

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

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

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

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

**C O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

FIRST READING.....Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:.....Psalm 46 (*responsively*)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

Re - joyce, the Lord is king!  
Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

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

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold 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.

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

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

SECOND READING.....Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)

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

**Alleluia.**

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

\* GOSPEL.....Luke 23:33-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

SERMON

Vicar Leister

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #170 Green Hymnal (vss. 1-3)
- \* NICENE CREED (In Unison)

**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 Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

- \* 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: “Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth”

F. Mendelssohn

*[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 God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

\* PREFACE

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

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

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of

the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

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

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

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

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

**C Amen.**

\* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

**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 God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

\* **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.**

DISTRIBUTION:

“Consider and Hear Me”

C. Pflueger

[“At The Chancel Rail” – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your set using the left or right SIDE aisle].

[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.**

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

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone 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 Let us pray,

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

P Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, + comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

\* SENDING HYMN            "Crown Him with Many Crowns"            #170 Green Hymnal (vss. 4-6)

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (11/25 to 12/29/19)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Hannah Ehrisman & Thea Beward

NEXT WEEK'S CRUCIFER – Braedon Walton

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Nick Reed, Gabby Reed, Brea Beward & Sienna Guido

## PRAYER LIST

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Linda Zimmerman

## PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm  
Ruth Cisney  
Gail Henderson

Mona Lawson  
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) 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.

JUST A THOUGHT – Bruce Kemper, College President: Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, has been given at least one spiritual gift.

### **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 Vicar Leister at [mlchurchvicar@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchvicar@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.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [mlchurchvicar@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchvicar@gmail.com).

VICAR SAM LEISTER will be out of town on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have an emergency need, please contact Pastor Chris Mathiason at 717-463-2490. Vicar Leister will be present for the service on Sunday morning, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

A VOTER’S ASSEMBLY will be held today following the worship service. Business: approval of the 2020 proposed budget, voting on new Executive Director for PPC, and minutes of the boards.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLING for Mifflintown’s tree lighting ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the walking bridge. Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas season!

SUNDAY’S SOLDIERS will meet after church on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to assemble fruit baskets for our church members that are unable to get to church. Please consider helping us with our “Act of Kindness” by donating fruit. There is a donation sign-up sheet in the upstairs kitchenette area. As always, thank you for your support of our youth group!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

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

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> during the worship service. Refreshments will follow after the program. If anyone would like to donate cookies, any kind would be very much appreciated.

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.

#### ADVENT SEASON AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

- December 1: First Sunday of Advent. A light luncheon (prepared by the Fellowship Committee) will be held following the Worship Service. Decorating of the church after the luncheon.
- December 8: Second Sunday of Advent. "Hanging of the Greens." Topic of this year's program "Christmas Greens & Advent Wreath."
- December 15: Third Sunday of Advent.
- December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Annual Children's Christmas Program.
- December 24: 7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service  
7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service featuring Justin Aurand, pianist, Christina Martin performing "O Holy Night" & Andrea Cameron performing "Ave Maria."

#### UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

- Today (after worship) – Voter's Assembly to approve 2020 budget and vote on new "Executive Director: for PPC, and minutes of the boards.
- Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter's Assembly to approve 2019 audit.
- Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter's Assembly.
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (after worship) – Voter's Assembly for PPC Election approval.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 13, 2019 PPC MINUTES, October 20, 2019 Voter's Assembly, October 27, 2019 Voter's Assembly, and October 27, 2019 PPC Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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 OFFERING REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 68		Benevolence	\$ 45.00
Sunday School – 28		Building Fund	\$ 240.00
Total Offering	\$4,269.25	Sunday School	\$ 27.25
Other Funds	<u>\$ 924.25</u>	World Hunger	\$ 100.00
General Fund	\$3,345.00	Communion	\$ 40.00
		Flowers	\$ 22.00
		Other-Continuing Ed.	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
		Total	\$ 924.25

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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – We are sponsoring 6 children this year. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by December 8<sup>th</sup>, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child's name and number on the tag.

**COMMUNITY**

**HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS STILL NEEDED**

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.) OR TURKEY BREASTS; HAMS (3 TO 5 LBS.); INSTANT MASHED POTATOES; CANNED SWEET POTATOES; OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Christ the King Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Voter's Assembly following worship service. Business: vote on 2020 proposed budget, vote on new Executive Director for PPC, and minutes of the boards.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in Choir Room.  
-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.
- Thursday:** -THANKSGIVING DAY.
- Friday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.  
-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Saturday:** -10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Reserved.
- Sunday:** -First Sunday in Advent.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church/Children's Sermon.