

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13th, 2022

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God’s desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God’s people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God’s face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the nar*

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT March 13, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#771 WOV

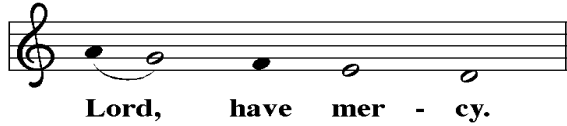
* GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE (Congregation sings responses)

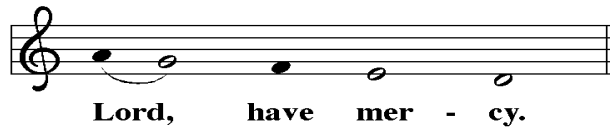
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING.....Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind^[a] in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^[b] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind^[c] in his image, in the image of God he created them;^[d] male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 139:1-14

(responsively)

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,”

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

* LENTEN ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

* GOSPEL.....John 3:11-17

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

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

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you^[a] do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.^[b] ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[c]

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Chad Hershberger

SERMON

Chad Hershberger

* HYMN OF THE DAY “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

#104 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES’ CREED (In Unison)

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

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

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

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

* 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.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

* HOLY COMMUNION

P Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

P 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.

P 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.

P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)

P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

P God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

* 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 Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.

Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C Amen.

SENDING PRAYER

*** BLESSING**

P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING CHIMES

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Julia Martin & Nick Beward

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Paige Martin & Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Bethanie Beward & Kim White

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Cecil Myers, Christian Thinker: Successful marriage is always a triangle, a man, a woman, and God.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

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 sleister@gmail.com.

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 offering plates are placed during the service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email 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 sleister@gmail.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

KATE SWAILES IS SERVING AS OUR CONGREGATION’S CAMPERSON with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Since our congregation has a camperson, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail.

For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit www.campmountluther.org. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 12th so that we receive the early registration discount.

*NEW THIS YEAR: If you bring a friend to camp who has never been there, you get 25% off your registration.

2022 LENTEN SERVICES AT MESSIAH

Wednesday, March 16 – 7:00 p.m.....	“Fast from Doubt; Feast on Faith”
Wednesday, March 23 – 7:00 p.m.....	“Fast from Darkness; Feast on Light”
Wednesday, March 30 – 7:00 p.m.....	“Fast from Despair; Feast on Hope”
Wednesday, April 6 – 7:00 p.m.....	“Fast from Hatred; Sow Love”
Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 a.m.....	Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast
Friday, April 15 – 7:30 p.m.....	Good Friday Tenebrae Service

PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS

The Port Royal Men’s Lenten Prayer Breakfasts will be held each Saturday morning during Lent at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th street. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person for breakfast which will go to the Fire Company Auxiliary to cover the cost of the meal.

March 19	LeRoy Yoder	Shade Mountain Fellowship
March 26	Rev. Nicholas Smith	Stoney Run Mission
April 2	Garrick Paden, Youth Pastor	Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church
April 9	Vicar Sam Leister	Messiah Lutheran Church
April 16	Rev. Don Walters	Thompstontown Methodist Church

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ARE NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2022 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.

MARK YOU CALENDAR for Sunday, May 22, 2022. Brothers In Grace Gospel Quartet will be joining us for Music Sunday at Messiah.

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.

THE MARCH “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be Camp Mount Luther. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Camp Mount Luther to continue to assist in their children’s ministries. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building. Loose offering collected during Wednesday evening services during Lent will go to our local Meals-On-Wheels program.

JAM HOUSE NEED: We need a volunteer to perform the treasurer duties at JAM HOUSE. The position requires about one hour per week to pay bills and make other financial reports. The treasurer would also need to attend our quarterly board meeting. Please contact Larry Wise at 717-436-6629 if you have an interest or know someone who does. Thank you.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

February 27, 2022 Sunday School -- 10
Worship Attendance – (in person 52) (online 10)

Total Offering	\$2,625.00	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Other Funds	<u>865.00</u>	Benevolence	\$ 400.00
General Fund	\$1,760.00	Building Fund	83.00
		Sunday School	7.00
		Lutheran Disaster	20.00
		Memorial Fund	305.00
		Camp	<u>50.00</u>
		Total	\$ 865.00

March 6, 2022 Sunday School -- 13
Worship Attendance – (in person 59) (online 11)

Total Offering	\$2,478.00	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Other Funds	<u>322.00</u>	Benevolence	\$ 73.00
General Fund	\$2,156.00	Building Fund	113.00
		Memorial Fund	100.00
		Lutheran Disaster	20.00
		Flowers	10.00
		Sunday School	<u>6.00</u>
		Total	\$ 322.00

March 9, 2022 Worship Attendance – (in person 25) (online 3)
Total Offering \$ 62.00

<u>Other Funds</u>	
Meals-On-Wheels	\$ 62.00

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.

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.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS (ESPECIALLY CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES), TOILET PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS. ALSO, DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class (Chad Hershberger speaks to parents/students about Camp Mount Luther).
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church (Chad Hershberger: Temple Talk).
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:** -6:30 p.m., Quilter's Guild in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Lenten Service – "Fast from Doubt; Feast on Faith."
- Thursday:** -5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:** 7:00 a.m., Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast at Port Royal Community Building.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik	Beth Harris	Ken Mummah
Donna Barton	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Paul Ogden
Donna Bell	Terry Hess	Austin Parker
Andy Berrier	Sue Henderson	Noel Peachey
Michele Boniewicz	Nox Hepburn	Rick & Audrey Peters
Dan Brackbill	Jay Hockenbroch	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Don Bratton	Addison Holderman	Dave Phelan
Dan Brown	Erin Husler	Sandy Pines
Greg & Nicole Brunner	Brenda Imes	Mia Raish
Jim Burdge	Annie Ingle	Betty Ranck
Andrea Cameron	Doc Johnston	Keith Ranck
Karen Centini	Pam Kennedy	Mike Rhoades
Randy Clark	Guy Kerstetter	Claudette Satzler
Terry & April Coder	Kevin Kilmer	Mackenzie Shearer
Vincent Cramer	Denny King	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Leann Crimmel	Kevin Kint	Althea Smith
Will DeLancy	Pam Lawson	Mike Sparks
Fred & Dot Dowling	Michael Lozano	Andy Spigelmyer
Cathy Dysinger	Carol Lyter	Vicki Suoja
Renee Dzikowski	Zaden Mabey	Alice Swartz
Neil & Pat Fisher	Mike Maclay	Dorothy Towsey
Jane Fogleman	Ryan Marker	George Trego
Derek Fry	Anthony Martin	George & Kay Varner
Mindy Fryer	Mike Maugans	Sam Walters
Bentley Fulkroad	Carlen McClure	Jeff Whitesel
Joan Fulkroad	Alice McClure	Austin Willi
Terri Gayer	Messiah Mutual Ministry	Jim Woltman
Deb Geedey	Cecilia Miller	Mackenzie Wray
Eddi Kay Gill	Ellwood Miller	Phillip Zendt
Sam & Diane Goshorn	Larry Miller	George Zimmerman
Piper Hall	Shirley Miller	Linda Zimmerman
Amy Hart	Jim Minick	
Joyce Hart	Claire Mummah	

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059
Gail Henderson & Carol Simonton – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059
Ruth Cisney & Ray Bramm – Honneman House, 58 Honneman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsettown, PA 17094
Minnie Minick – 187 JAM House Rd., Mifflin, PA 17058
Edith Nipple – 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
Sieber & Ona Stoner – 23591 Rt. 35 North, Mifflintown, PA 17059
Ken Stuck – 66 Eighth St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Easter Sunday is April 17, 2022 and in keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, Lilies you purchase will be “planted” around our altar to help us celebrate the special occasion.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check**, made payable to “**Messiah Lutheran Church**” and print **Easter Lilies** in the memo line. Then, please attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **April 8, 2022**. *PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!*

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM.

Thank you for helping to beautify our space and for supporting our church!

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of () OR In Memory Of ()

I would like to order the following:

Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$10.00 # of plants _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____