

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6th, 2022

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT March 6, 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#533 Green Hymnal

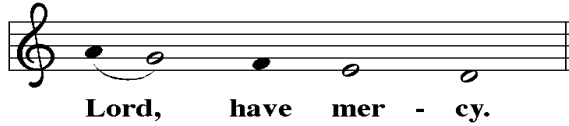
* GREETING

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)

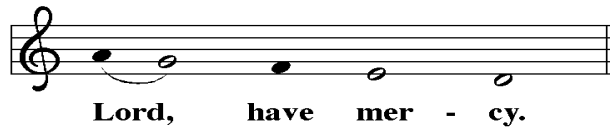
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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 **O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

FIRST READING.....Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:.....Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (*responsively*)

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* 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.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

* GOSPEL.....Luke 4:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

Vicar Leister
Vicar Leister

- * HYMN OF THE DAY "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" #99 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.

ANTHEM

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 – Jean Compton

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Brea Beward & Sofia Reed

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Grace Miller & Zeb Berry

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.

MOUNT LUTHER NEWS!

GET EXCITED FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER! On Sunday, March 13, 2022, Chad Hershberger, Mount Luther's Director, will be at our church to share information about this year's programs. Campers are welcome to share camp stories.

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 9 – 7:00 p.m.....	“Fast from Injury; Feast on Pardon”
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 12	Rev. Jeff Henry	Lighthouse Community Church
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	Thompsontown Methodist Church

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

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.

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 assisting 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)	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Total Offering	\$2,575.00	Benevolence	\$ 400.00
Other Funds	<u>765.00</u>	Building Fund	33.00
General Fund	\$1,810.00	Sunday School	7.00
		Lutheran Disaster	20.00
		Memorial Fund	<u>305.00</u>
		Total	\$ 765.00

NOTE: There was a donation of \$500.00 to the P.O.F Disciples Class

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, Marth 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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:** -First Sunday of Lent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-6:30 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:** -3:00 to 7:00 p.m., Girl Scout Cookie Sorting in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Lenten Service – “Fast from Injury; Feast on Pardon.”
- Thursday:** -7:00 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Saturday:** 7:00 a.m., Port Royal Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Port Royal Community Building.
- Sunday:** -First Sunday of Lent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class (Chad Hershberger speaks to parents/students about Camp Mount Luther).
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Chad Hershberger: Temple Talk).

PRAYER LIST

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

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: \$ _____