

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:** *When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021 – 9:15 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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

**C we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

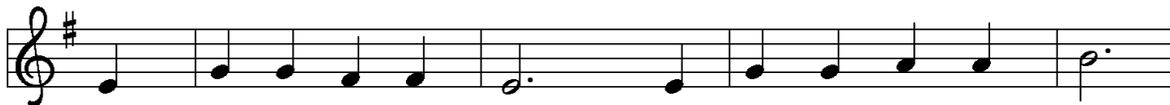
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\* GREETING

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY *(In Unison)*

P Let us pray...

C **O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

FIRST READING .....Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: .....Psalm 85:8-13 *(Responsively)*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

SECOND READING..... Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

\* GOSPEL.....Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

<sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Vicar Leister

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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\* 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 Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

OFFERING PRESENTATION

\* **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. Jesus, Bread of life,

**C** **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

\* **HOLY COMMUNION**

**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 (all)**

**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.**

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

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

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

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

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

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

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

\* SENDING HYMN

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

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\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!**

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Jean Compton

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark & Chris Martin (6/28/21—8/1/21)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Hope Miller & Thea Beward

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Grace Miller & Brea Beward

**WELCOME TO ALL!**

JUST A THOUGHT – John Calvin, French Reformer and Father of the Presbyterian Church (1509 – 1564):  
Baptism is the sign of initiation by which we are admitted into the fellowship of the church.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Charlotte G. Henry by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

**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](mailto: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](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.

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 [sleister@gmail.com](mailto: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.

NEW!! – MASKING UPDATE FOR MESSIAH – After nearly 17 months of masking, social distancing, deep cleaning, keeping aware of those around us, getting vaccinated, and staying at home as much as possible, restrictions are starting to be lifted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As of June 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Wolf and Pennsylvania’s state legislature has agreed that the masking mandate that has been in effect for our state since March of 2020 will be a thing of the past, hopefully for a long time to come. But even with the order lifted, and all restrictions lifted earlier in the month, the Department of Health says people will still have to follow CDC guidance for wearing masks, like wearing one when a business requires it or wearing one on public transportation.

With all of this in mind, beginning on **Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**, Messiah will begin to follow these lifted restrictions. Both masking and social distancing will be **OPTIONAL** unless restrictions are re-issued. However, we will continue to print the hymns in the bulletins as well as continue with our current communion cup combo (wafer/juice) until September 5<sup>th</sup>, when we return to 10:30 services. At this point, we hope to have all hymnals back in place as well as the use of the wafer and wine, as well as manna bread, ready for full communion once again. Also in September, we will continue with senior choir rehearsals (get your singing voices ready!!) as well as Junior Church and Sunday School! So plan on slowly getting back to “normal”.....and we thank God for guiding us through these past 17 months (not 17 years like the cicadas!).

WATCH FOR THE DATE for the Messiah congregational splash party at Central Juniata Park Pool in Mifflin. More information will follow.

JULY’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for Lutheran Disaster Relief. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster Relief by way of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. These funds will help those across the United States, from the building collapse in Miami Beach to flooding and tornado victims among many others. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for the fall are needed in the youth department. The classes will be small in numbers, but if we have two teachers per class, six additional teachers will be needed. PLEASE consider helping out. Contact Linda at 717-348-8262 or email at [lnclark13@embarqmail.com](mailto:lnclark13@embarqmail.com).

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Open regular hours on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday afternoon July 16<sup>th</sup>.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! A bequest of money has been made to Messiah in memory of Mary Ernest, who passed away last year. Mary (and Max) were avid supporters and leaders of Messiah’s youth program for many years “back in the day” and now, with Mary’s passing, the family is paying it forward in hopes that the technology purchased can be used by the youth, young adults, and young-at-heart to enhance not only our worship services, but also Sunday School, Bible School, and other programs taking place at Messiah.

However, even with the purchase of this equipment, which includes iPads, an Apple TV and projector, we need volunteers to learn how to operate the equipment. (You will **NOT** have to maintain the equipment if you are apprehensive about such things). So, before purchasing this equipment, if anyone would like to step up and volunteer to learn how to click a few buttons on Sunday morning or project things through the projector via the Apple TV, please contact Bob St. Clair or Vicar Leister as soon as possible. Once we have volunteers lined up, then we can plan on making the final purchase of products and implement this equipment starting with our September 5<sup>th</sup> service, when we go back to 10:30 a.m. services. Also, because you volunteer does not mean you are stuck working with this every program.....we will figure things out and availability of people as we go.

Again, please contact Bob St. Clair or Vicar Leister if you are interested in volunteering for using this new equipment in our church!

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

July 4, 2021 Attendance – 60

Total Offering	\$2,880.00		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Other Funds	<u>944.00</u>		Benevolence	\$ 105.00
General Fund	\$1,936.00		Building Fund	140.00
			Fire Victims	675.00
			Flowers	<u>24.00</u>
			Total	\$ 944.00

OUR WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE AT MESSIAH has begun talks about possibly changing the starting times of all Sunday services to an earlier time. Discussion centered around possibly starting services at 10 AM at the beginning of 2022, with the Sunday School hour then being adjusted as well. *HOWEVER*, we need your input!! Is 10 AM a time which would seem a good time to have all Sunday services? (Please remember that we now have air conditioning in our building. The lack of A/C in the past was a huge reason why we started having summer services at 9:15 AM). What do *YOU* think about a 10 AM start time? Would you prefer another, earlier time? What time would you like to see the Sunday School “portion” of the morning to begin?? Again, *WE NEED YOUR INPUT!* Please take the time to talk to any of our Worship & Music Committee members – Vicar Sam, Bob St. Clair, Diana Wise, Michelle Stoner, Andrea Cameron, or Jamie Miller – and share any ideas you may have concerning our start time in 2022. Remember, whatever time is selected will be that same start time all year round. But, as you may have heard, ***WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!*** Reach out to one of the committee members today!

COPIES OF MARCH 21, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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.

WELCA will be collecting items for school kits this year. Each kit requires four [70-80 sheet] notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper 8 by 10½, one 30 centimeter ruler or one with inches on one side and centimeters on the other side, one pencil sharpener, one pair of blunt scissors, five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, five black or blue ballpoint pens [no gel pens], one box of 16 or 24 crayons, and one 2½ inch eraser. We will have information on the Seafarers bags later this summer.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY:**

CLEANING SUPPLIES & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS. SUMMER BACKPACK PROGRAM: SINGLE SERVE FRUIT CUPS, JELLO CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING, & SINGLE SERVE MEALS. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY & DISCOUNT STORES.

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:** -Church Office closed for today.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Shirley Aumiller  
Donna Barton  
Donna Bell  
Harmon Bender  
Andy Berrier  
Ken Berrier  
Roxanne Boyer  
Wanda Boyer  
Dan Brown  
Charlotte Burd  
Andrea Cameron  
Pam Campbell  
Ron Chambers  
Andrew & Daris Ciecierski  
Randy Clark  
Terry Coder  
Vincent Cramer  
Leann Crimmel  
Will DeLancy  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
Renee Dzikowski  
Tom Ernest  
Neil & Pat Fisher  
Janie Fogleman  
Bentley Fulkroad  
Joan Fulkroad  
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Terri Gayer  
Eddi Kay Gill

Ruthlee Gloss & Family  
Sam & Diane Goshorn  
Amy Hart  
Beth Harris  
Harry & Jennifer Heikes  
Sue Henderson  
Nox Hepburn  
Hockenberry Family  
Curt & Judy Houtz  
Dean Hutchinson  
Brenda Imes  
Annie Ingle  
Doc Johnston  
Guy Kerstetter  
Denny King  
Darvin Krouse  
Pam Lawson  
Chase Lehman  
Michael Lozano  
Carol Lyter  
Zaden Mabey  
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Cecilia Miller  
Ellwood Miller  
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Noel Peachey  
Rick & Audrey Peters  
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Butch & Sandy Pines  
Betty Ranck  
Keith Ranck  
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Bill & Claudette Satzler  
Mackenzie Shearer  
Ron & Arlene Shearer  
Mike Sparks  
Andy Spigelmyer  
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair  
Dorothy Towsey  
Rich Walters  
Erma Williamson  
Jim Woltman  
Mackenzie Wray  
George Zimmerman  
Linda Zimmerman

## **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

Ray Bramm  
Ruth Cisney  
Max Ernest  
Paul Goss  
Margaret Guss  
Gail Henderson  
Mona Lawson  
Jane Marhefka  
Minnie Minick  
Edith Nipple  
Carol Simonton  
Sieber & Ona Stoner  
Ken Stuck

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his  
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro -

in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he  
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
 tec - tor nev - er slum - bers; at the will of your De -

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.

# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 368

1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,  
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;  
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

