"Growing God's Kingdom"



# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH** 

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**TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:** Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 25, 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 In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
  - C Amen.
  - P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
  - C Amen.
  - P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
  - P Gracious God,
  - C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **GATHERING**

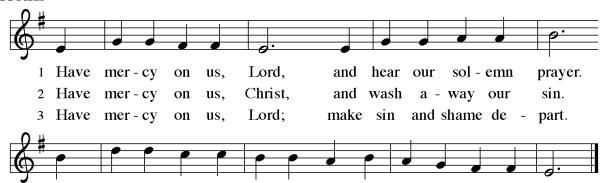
\* GATHERING HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

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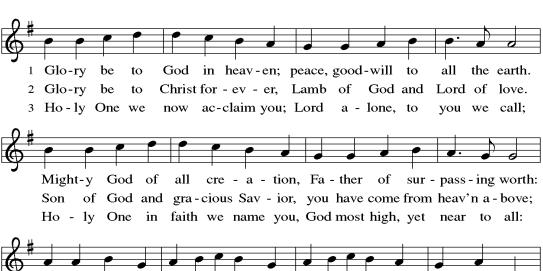
- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.

### \* KYRIE



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



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 Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **WORD**

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18 (Responsively)

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,

to all who call upon you faithfully.

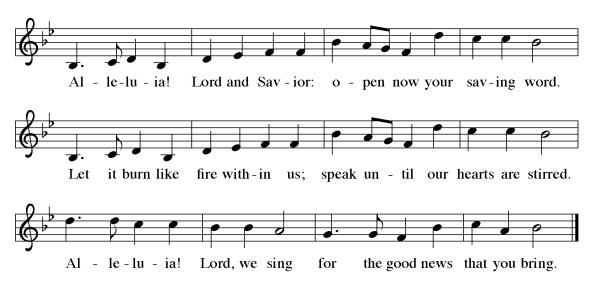
We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the

love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

- - P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ¬Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁶One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁶There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? ¹ŪJesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

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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 Hear us, O God.
  - C Your mercy is great.

#### 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. Merciful God,
  - C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, (sung)
- \* SENDING HYMN

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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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 – Slone Smith

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

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Julia Martin & Gabby Reed

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS - Paige Martin & Nick Reed

#### **WELCOME TO ALL!**

JUST A THOUGHT – Charles Colson, Evangelist, Special Counsel for President Nixon (b. 1931): The church is an organism, not an organization – a movement, not a monument.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Andrea Cameron, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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

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 <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>. If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

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 <a href="mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com">mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sleister@gmail.com">sleister@gmail.com</a>.

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.

MESSIAH CONGREGATIONAL SPLASH PARTY will be held on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Central Juniata Park Pool in Mifflin. Everyone invited!

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 number, 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 <a href="mailto:lnclark13@embargmail.com">lnclark13@embargmail.com</a>.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

July 18, 2021 Attendance – 47

		<u>Other rands</u>	
Total Offering	\$2,889.00	Benevolence	\$ 125.00
Other Funds	<u>664.00</u>	Building Fund	290.00
General Fund	\$2,225.00	Lutheran Disaster	175.00
		World Hunger	50.00
		Flowers	24.00
		Total	\$ 664.00

Other Funds

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 MAY 23, 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 <u>blunt</u> 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.

**Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

**Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.

**Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

#### PRAYER LIST

Shirley Aumiller
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Rich Walters
Erma Williamson
Jim Woltman

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Linda Zimmerman

# **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

Shirley Miller

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Ruth Cisney Edith Nipple
Max Ernest Carol Simonton
Paul Goss Sieber & Ona Stoner

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Gail Henderson Mona Lawson Jane Marhefka

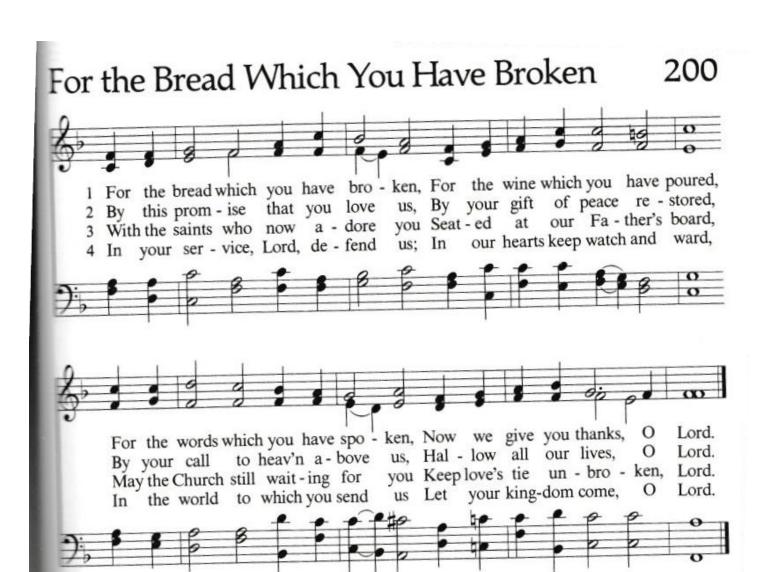


This tune in a higher key, No. 368.

#### Jesus, Priceless Treasure 457 Source of Je - sus, price - less trea sure, pur - est plea - sure, thine arm who would mo - lest 2 In Ι Foes me rest me; 3 Hence, all fears and sad ness. For the Lord of glad - ness, Ah, how long I've pant - ed, And my heart has Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be my heart has Tru - est friend to me: Can-not reach me here. Those who love the Fa - ther, Though the storms may Je - sus, en - ters in. Thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I 0 spot - less Lamb; faint - ed, am, quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell Still have peace with-in. Yea, what-e'er here must bear, be - side will suf - fer nought to hide thee, Nought I thee. With their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me. Still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.
Tune: Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631

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