### "Growing God's Kingdom"



# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF HEALING

## August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:** Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

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#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF HEALING August 29, 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**

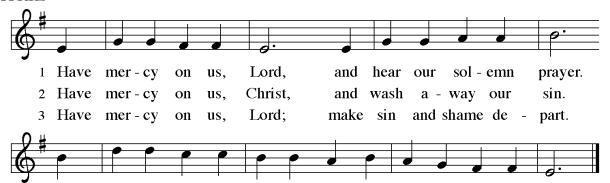
\* GATHERING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

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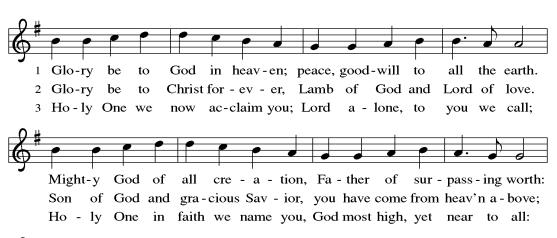
- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.

#### \* 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 O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **WORD**

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children.

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

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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



Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

- - P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also

many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

SERMON Vicar Sam Leister HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" bulletin, pg. 14

\* 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.

#### THE RITE OF HEALING

Those who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may receive the gift of prayer. This sign, first given in baptism, tells us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and may be marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. The church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing--with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

- P Let us pray, Loving God, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created. In your great mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people. In your great mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Restoring God, your Son Jesus brought the gift of healing and wholeness. Bring your healing presence now to all who are in any distress. In your great mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. In your great mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Sustaining God, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of all who are suffering. In your great mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

#### \* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT & BLESSING OF HEALING (for all)

- P Living God, grant comfort to all those in suffering. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore our sure defense, and help us to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

#### 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, Amen. (sung)
- \* SENDING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

bulletin, pg. 15

- \* 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 – Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (8/30/21—9/26/21)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTE - Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTER – Braedon Walton

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

JUST A THOUGHT – William S. Plummer, Bible Scholar: The bond of the Covenant is able to bear the weight of the believer's heaviest burden.

#### **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.

COPIES OF MAY 23, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

AUGUST'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will again be 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.

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.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE continues at 9:15 a.m. through August 29. Beginning on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, we will return to Sunday School and Catechetical classes beginning at 9:15 a.m. and Worship, Communion, and Junior Church beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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>.

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

August 22, 2021 Attendance – 44 Other Funds

Total Offering	\$2,511.00	Benevolence	\$	135.00
Other Funds	<u>315.00</u>	Building Fund		80.00
General Fund	\$2,196.00	Lutheran Disaster	_	100.00
		Total	\$	315.00

#### **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.

UPPER SUSQUEHANA SWO CONVENTION will be held at Camp Mt. Luther on September 25, 2021. The theme will be "Love One Another" from 1 John 4:11 and the hymns are "We Are Called," "Jesu, Jesu," and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Worship leader will be Pastor Lisa Barnes, Bible Study leader will be Jody Ellis, and Workshop presenter will be Barbara Schmouder. The group will be making a picture craft with flowers. Ingathering Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response (In-Kind donations will be provided later). The meal will be roast beef, vegetables, and pie. To register, contact Barb Geedey.

WELCA will be collecting items for school kits again this year. Each kit requires the following items:

- -Four (70 to 80 sheet) notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper 8 x 10½
- -One 30- centimeter ruler (or one with inches on one side and centimeters on the other)
- -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
- -One 21/2" eraser

#### **COMMUNITY**

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:**

- --DISH SOAP, ANY CLEANING SUPPLIES, AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- --SCHOOL SUPPLIES (ESPECIALLY SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS AND SCISSORS)
- --DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED

#### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

**Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion & Healing Service.

**Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.

-7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.

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

-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

**Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church

Shirley Aumiller Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton Donna Bell Andy Berrier Chrissy Berrier & family Ken Berrier Roxanne Boyer Wanda Boyer Dan Brown Charlotte Burd Andrea Cameron Pam Campbell Karen Centini Ron Chambers Andrew & Daris Ciecierski Randy Clark Terry Coder Vincent Cramer Leann Crimmel Will DeLancy Fred & Dot Dowling

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Tom Ernest
Neil & Pat Fisher
Janie Fogleman
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Dr. Mark G. from Israel
Terri Gayer
Linda Geedey

**PRAYER LIST** Eddi Kay Gill Sam & Diane Goshorn Amy Hart Joyce Hart Beth Harris Harry & Jennifer Heikes Sue Henderson Nox Hepburn 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

Anthony Martin
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Messiah Mutual Ministry
Cecilia Miller
Ellwood Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick

Rvan Marker

Claire Mummah
Ken Mummah
Darve Nace
Paul Ogden
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Rick & Audrey Peters
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Dave Phelan
Family of Evelyn Phillips
Butch & Sandy Pines
Mia Raish
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Mike Rhoades

Bill & Claudette Satzler
Mackenzie Shearer
Ron & Arlene Shearer
Vicki Suoja
Mike Sparks
Andy Spigelmyer
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Dorothy Towsey
George & Kay Varner
Rich Walters
Erma Williamson
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
George Zimmerman
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, Thompsontown, PA 17094
Max Ernest – 1099 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
Margaret Guss – 20 South Third St., Mifflintown, PA 17059
Mona Lawson – 2792 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
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

#### The Church's One Foundation 369 1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er the earth; 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of op-pressed, her her war, She is his cre - a - tion By wa - ter the Word. new and Her char - ter sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth. of a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed, By schisms . . rent peace for - ev - er - more; She waits the con - sum - ma tion Of From heav'n he came and sought her To his ho - ly bride; be ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, goes up: "How long?" Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, with the With his own blood he bought died. her, And for her And to one hope she press - es And soon the night of weep - ing With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. Shall be the morn of song. rious Shall be And the great Church vic - to the Church at rest.



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