"Growing God's Kingdom"



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER

Pentecost

August 8th, 2021 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Messiah Lutheran Church

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 8, 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

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GATHERING HYMN "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak"

- * 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 Lord, and hear our sol-emn on us, prayer. 2 Have mer - cy Christ, a - way our and wash sin. on us, 3 Have mer-cy Lord; make sin and shame de on us, part. come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de - spair. We out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Pour Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate us new hearts! in
- * CANTICLE OF PRAISE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

- P Let us pray...
- C Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

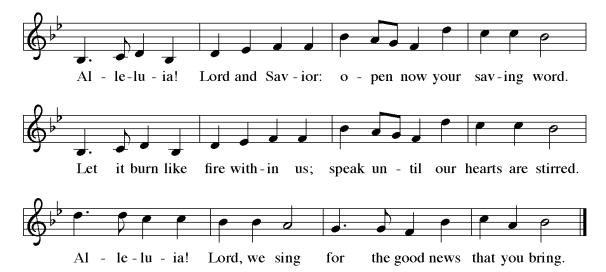
L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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



After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

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

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

Vicar Sam Leister bulletin, pg. 13

* 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 God, 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. 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	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	bulletin, pg. 14
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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 – Barb Geedey NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner (8/2/21—8/29/21) NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Zeb Berry & Olivia Mummah NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Harrison Mummah & Hope Miller NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS – Dan & Michelle Stoner

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Theologian & Martyr (1906 – 1945): The responsible person seeks to make his or her whole life a response to the question and call of God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of William C. Nipple by Edith Nipple and family.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY</u> <u>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 <u>sleister@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>sleister@gmail.com</u>.

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 (no Sunday School classes). Beginning on Sunday, September 5th, we will return to Sunday School 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 <u>lnclark13@embarqmail.com</u>.

CHURCH OFFI	CE HOURS ARE AS	S FOLLOWS:					
Tuesday – 9:0	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.			
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WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:							
August 1, 202	21 Attendance – 44		Other Funds				
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Total Offering	\$2,511.00		Benevolence	\$ 135.00			
Other Funds	315.00	-	Building Fund	80.00			
General Fund	\$2,196.00		Lutheran Disaster	100.00			
			Total	\$ 315.00			

OUR WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE AT MESSIAH has begun talks about <u>possibly</u> 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!

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 WELCA will meet on Thursday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

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 $10\frac{1}{2}$
- -One 30- centimeter ruler (or one with inches on one side and centimeters on the other)

-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
- -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.
Monday:	-6:30-8:30 P.M., Mifflintown Lions Club directors meeting in Fellowship Hall. -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.
Wednesday:	-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
Thursday:	-7:00 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.

Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. -Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service. -6:30 p.m., PPC meeting.

PRAYER LIST

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 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 Dr. Mark G. from Israel Terri Gaver Eddi Kay Gill

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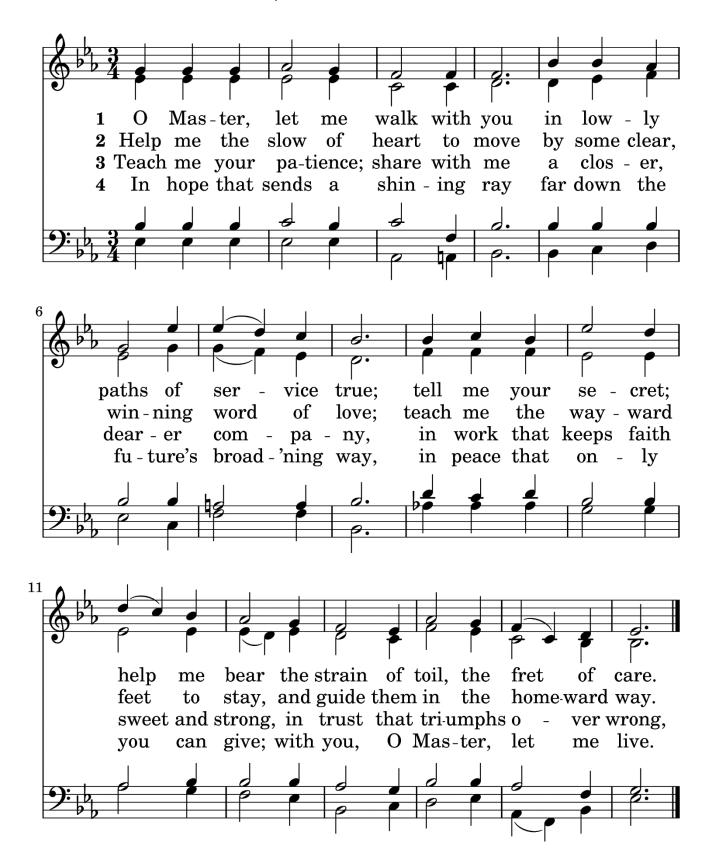
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PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059 Gail Henderdon & 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 WITNESS



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Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Tune: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.