

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5th, 2021

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

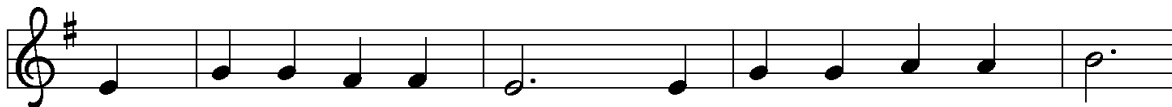
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* GREETING

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 Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

WORD

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 146 (*Responsively*)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

SECOND READING..... James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus

Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person

in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

[¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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.

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

* GOSPELMark 7:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

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

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

Vicar Sam Leister

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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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. 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

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

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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 – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (8/30/21—9/26/21)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTE – Brea Beward & Paige Martin

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTER – Grace Miller & Nick Reed

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Madame Jeanne Marie Guyon, French Mystic (1648 – 1717): God gives the cross, and the cross gives God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Denise Hower by family.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the 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 for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

COPIES OF AUGUST 15, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

SEPTEMBER’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be Lutheran Disaster Relief and the earthquake recovery efforts and rebuilding in Haiti. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster Relief by way of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. 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.

“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS” SUNDAY is September 12th. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

THE KNITTING GROUP will begin on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior Church Room. Bring whatever project you are currently working on or one you would like to begin. Any questions, call Barb Geedey at 717-436-6433.

JAM HOUSE NEED: We need a volunteer to perform the treasurer duties at JAM HOUSE. The position requires about one hour per week to pay bills and make other financial reports. The treasurer would also need to attend our quarterly board meeting. Please contact Larry Wise at 717-436-6629 if you have an interest or know someone who does. Thank you.

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 29, 2021 Attendance – 40

Total Offering	\$3,073.00
Other Funds	<u>299.00</u>
General Fund	\$2,774.00

Other Funds

Benevolence	\$ 95.00
Building Fund	55.00
Lutheran Disaster	125.00
Flowers	<u>24.00</u>
Total	\$ 299.00

THE SEPTEMBER 2021 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com and Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at mlcmifflintown.org. Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

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. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 a.m. The theme will be “Love One Another” from 1 John 4:11. The In-Kind offering will be a monetary donation for Haven Ministry and New-Love Center in Sunbury and Jersey Shore respectively. The regular offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Anyone interested in attending can contact Barb Geedey, Cynthia Smith or Linda Leister for the forms. Cost is \$40 to cover expenses for the meal and speakers.

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 2½” eraser

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

BLANKET SUNDAY will be October 3rd. The kits and quilts will be delivered to the Synod Office on Saturday, October 9th between 9:00 a.m. and noon. The Blanket Sunday report for 2020 was: 576 wool blankets at \$3,801.60, and 600 cotton blankets at \$3,288.00 with a total of donations of \$7,089.60 and \$1,736.40 given toward the cost of shipping.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER (NATIONAL HUNGER MONTH):

CANNED BEETS, CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED PINEAPPLE, SHAMPOO, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND PAIN MEDICINES, DISHWASHING SOAPS, LAUNDRY SOAP, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS WHILE THEY ARE ON SALE. DONATIONS OF CASH, CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

Thank you for sharing all the fresh produce this summer with your neighbors in need, and for your support for our summer backpack program at the Food Pantry. We helped over 80 children spend their summer having fun instead of going hungry. In July, the Food Pantry served 134 families in need – over 300 individuals. Volunteers helpers are needed on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Please consider becoming a volunteer.

Thank you to our friends at Messiah for your generous donations of food to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Your gift greatly blesses the lives of your neighbors in need by providing them with not only the necessary nourishment for their bodies, but also the hope and encouragement to nourish their spirits.

Your Friends at the
Juniata County Food Pantry

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

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

Wednesday: -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Thursday: -7:00 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.

Sunday: -God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Aumiller	Terri Gayer	Jim Minick
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Eddi Kay Gill	Claire Mummah
Donna Barton	Sam & Diane Goshorn	Ken Mummah
Donna Bell	Amy Hart	Darve Nace
Harmon Bender	Joyce Hart	Paul Ogden
Andy Berrier	Beth Harris	Austin Parker
Chrissy Berrier & family	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Noel Peachey
Ken Berrier	Sue Henderson	Rick & Audrey Peters
Roxanne Boyer	Nox Hepburn	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Wanda Boyer	Curt & Judy Houtz	Dave Phelan
Dan Brown	Dean Hutchinson	Butch & Sandy Pines
Charlotte Burd	Brenda Imes	Mia Raish
Andrea Cameron	Annie Ingle	Betty Ranck
Pam Campbell	Doc Johnston	Keith Ranck
Karen Centini	Guy Kerstetter	Mike Rhoades
Ron Chambers	Denny King	Bill & Claudette Satzler
Andrew & Daris Ciecierski	Darvin Krouse	Mackenzie Shearer
Randy Clark	Pam Lawson	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Terry Coder	Chase Lehman	Vicki Suoja
Vincent Cramer	Michael Lozano	Mike Sparks
Leann Crimmel	Carol Lyter	Andy Spigelmyer
Will DeLancy	Zaden Mabey	Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Fred & Dot Dowling	Ryan Marker	Dorothy Towsey
Renee Dzikowski	Anthony Martin	George & Kay Varner
Tom Ernest	Carlen McClure	Rich Walters
Neil & Pat Fisher	Alice McClure	Erma Williamson
Janie Fogleman	Messiah Mutual Ministry	Jim Woltman
Bentley Fulkroad	Cecilia Miller	Mackenzie Wray
Joan Fulkroad	Ellwood Miller	George Zimmerman
Dr. Mark G. from Israel	Larry Miller	Linda Zimmerman
	Shirley Miller	

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059
Gail Henderson & Carol Simonton – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059
Ruth Cisney & Ray Bramm – Honneman House, 58 Honneman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsettown, PA 17094
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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to his
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men Sound from his

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do If with his love he be - friend you.
 peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

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1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
 3. Join hands then, broth - ers of the faith, What -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

3

Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 Him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

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ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man - kind.
 as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 How can these anx - ious wor - ries aid you, These nev - er -
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Per - form your

con - fi - dence in him, He'll give you strength and stand be -
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? Will not his wings of mer - cy
 hope, with heart con - tent; Then take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 du - ties faith - ful - ly, And trust his Word; though un - de -

side you When days are drear - y, dark, and dim. For those who
 shade you When - ev - er trou - bled times a - rise? Our cross and
 plea - sure And his dis - cern - ing love have sent, Doubt not; your
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust his change - less love Build on the rock that does not move.
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.
 yet for - sook in need The soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

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