"Growing God's Kingdom"



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17th, 2021 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 17, 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.]

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* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sins in the presence of one another and to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God our comforter,
- C To us, our sins are known and unknown, things done and left undone. Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. Free us from our sins, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. To the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes us righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins.
- C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" bulletin, pg. 12

* 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.



* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

- P Let us pray...
- C Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

¹⁰no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.
 ¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
 ¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

- GOSPELMark 10:35-45
 P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.
 - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to

C: Thanks be to God.

them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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 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, Amen. (sung)
- * SENDING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

bulletin, pg. 14

- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 - C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (9/27/21—10/31/21) NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Harrison Mummah & Gabby Reed NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Julia Martin & Hope Miller

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Johannes von Muller, Swiss Historian (1752 – 1809): Good has one enemy, the evil; but the evil has two enemies, the good and itself.

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 slighterio@selfation.

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.

OCTOBER'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will continue to be for Lutheran Disaster Relief. 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.

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.

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.

ATTENTION SINGERS!!! MESSIAH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!! No matter the age, voice, height, weight, or your SAT score, **WE NEED YOU!!!** We have had no one show up for rehearsals for the past 3 weeks and Andrea, Bob, and Slone can only sing and dance so much! Please consider coming to join us each Wednesday evening at 7 PM for some musical fun! We especially would like to have a weekly choir for the holiday season, beginning with Reformation Sunday, October 31st, so please consider joining us. The more who attend, the less musical pressure on everyone who attends! We know there are people with good voices out there in our midst – so please join us for one hour each week to bring our choir back to full speed. (If choir attendance continues to be low or nil, the choir will be dissolved and may never form again – do we really want that to happen at Messiah??)

REMINDER: The ELCA Youth Gathering, "Boundless: God Beyond Measure," is coming up on July 24-28, 2022. It will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering starts on September 22. There are registration worksheets on the gathering website on the resources page. The forms are helpful to have when sitting down at the computer to input all information for church groups, the youth, and the leaders. New this cycle is that the ELCA is taking payment online for the gathering. The getting ready material is also on the gathering website. It is helpful to use these materials with youth groups to enhance their whole gathering experience. The material is very flexible on how it can be used with groups. For more information, go to the website at <u>www.elca.org/youthgathering</u>

WEEKLY OFFERING REPOT:

September 26, 2021 Worship Attendance – 57 Sunday School Attendance - 19

Total Offering Other Funds General Fund	\$2,996.00 <u>325.00</u> \$2,671.00	Benevolence Building Fund Lutheran Disaster Sunday School Total	\$	$20.00 \\ 120.00 \\ 170.00 \\ 15.00 \\ 325.00$
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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.

Other Funds

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.

COMMUNITY

AGAIN THIS YEAR the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and <u>YOU</u> to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive—please give generously. If you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS:

(THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET) – TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, (OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL).

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today:	 -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. -6:30 p.m., PPC meeting in Adult Sunday School Room.
Monday:	-6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room. -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:	-5:30-6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall.
Sunday:	-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Aumiller Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton Donna Bell Harmon Bender Andy Berrier Ken Berrier Roxanne Boyer Wanda Boyer Don Bratton Dan Brown Charlotte Burd Andrea Cameron Karen Centini Ron Chambers Randy Clark Terry & April Coder & family Vincent Cramer Leann Crimmel Will DeLancy Fred & Dot Dowling Renee Dzikowski Tom Ernest Neil & Pat Fisher Janie Fogleman Derek Fry Bentley Fulkroad Joan Fulkroad Terri Gaver Eddi Kay Gill Sam & Diane Goshorn

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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 JUSTIFICATION



Lord Jesus, Think on Me



Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt. Tune: Daman, Psalmes, 1579

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WITNESS



5 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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