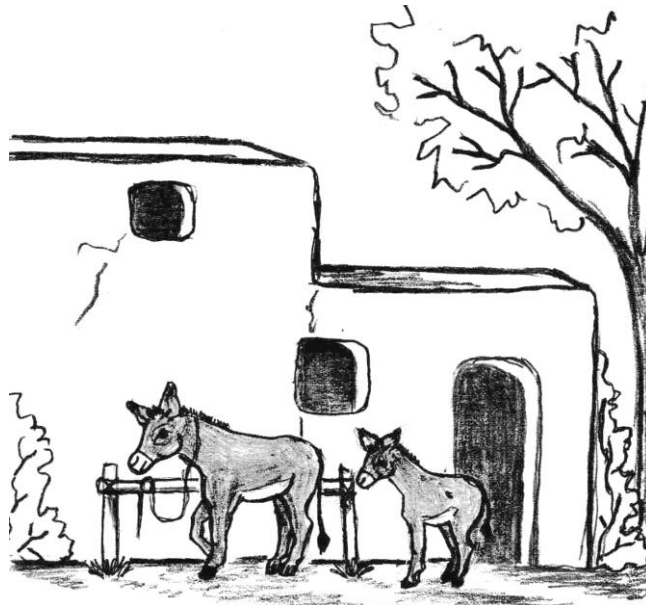


“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28th, 2021

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 28, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lighting of Altar Candles

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

* LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C Amen.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

C in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthen you anew to follow the way of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” #34 green hymnal

* GREETING

P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (spoken)

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

“IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR” (VS. 1)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn still-ness lay to hear the angels sing.

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

FIRST READING.....Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM.....Psalm 25:1-10 (**responsively**)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

SECOND READING.....1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

* THE VERSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

* GOSPEL.....Luke 21:25-36

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Vicar Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#30 green hymnal

* APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

(revised wording)

Let all together praise our God before his glorious throne;

For he will open heav’n above to give us his own Son, to give us his own Son.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C Amen.

MEAL

* ADVENT DIALOG

P We have come with great expectation to meet the coming Messiah.

C All creation waits with longing for the Son of God.

P As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord."

C We prepare a place in our hearts and in the world for his coming.

P O come to us, Emmanuel!

C God, be with us and save us from our sins.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate. Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

* **THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)**

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 Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit’s power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen.

SENDING

* **BLESSING**

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* **SENDING HYMN**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#370 green hymnal

* **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Slone Smith & Zeb Berry

NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Nick Reed & Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith (11/29 – 12/26)

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Randy Alcorn, Contemporary American Protestant Author: Satan need not convince us that heaven does not exist. He need only convince us that heaven is a place of boring, unearthly existence.

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.

SUNDAY SOLDIERS will be meeting after church on December 12, 2021 to assemble gifts for Messiah’s shut-ins. We will be assembling toiletry kits and are seeking donations. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tawny Mummah at 717-363-7406.

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

NOVEMBER’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for the Juniata County Food Pantry and Meals-On-Wheels. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to these local organizations. 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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA are sponsoring 6 children for the Christmas Angel Project again this year. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by December 5th, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child’s name and number on the tag.

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!!! We are going to try a new schedule of rehearsals to try to get more people to join our choir. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, the choir will rehearse immediately after the worship service. In the 2nd and 4th weeks, we will rehearse on Wednesday evenings. No matter when we rehearse, people of all ages are invited to sing, even if it means just walking up to join the choir during the anthem or sitting up front for the full worship service. Robes will not be required to be worn to sing – just your voice! So, join us with the following schedule in mind:

- Wednesday, December 1st – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 5th – after worship
- Wednesday, December 15th – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 19th – after worship
- Wednesday, December 22nd – 7:00 PM (prepare for Christmas Eve Service)
- Wednesday, December 29th – no rehearsal (Merry Christmas!)
- Sunday, January 2nd – after worship
- Wednesday, January 12th – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, January 16th – after worship
- Wednesday, January 26th – 7:00 PM
- Sunday, January 30th – after worship

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US!!!

UPCOMING ADVENT SEASON & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

TODAY – First Sunday of Advent, followed by a light luncheon (prepared by the Fellowship Committee). Decorating of the church will be held after the luncheon. **VOLUNTEER HELPERS ARE NEEDED!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th – Second Sunday of Advent. **“Hanging of the Greens”** program will be held during the morning worship service. The topic of this year’s program will be *The Manger*.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th – Third Sunday of Advent.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th – Fourth Sunday of Advent. The morning worship service will include the annual **Children’s Christmas Program**.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th – 6:30 PM, Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service, featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith, as well as Shibhan Cameron on harp.

-7:00 PM, Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Service. Will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both the junior and senior choirs featuring our senior choir director, Andrea Cameron, who will be performing “Ave Maria” during the lighting of the candles (due to the lingering effects of Covid still persisting, everyone is asked to use either the (flash) light on their cell phones or bring a small flashlight to use in place of the candles this year).

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 www.elca.org/youthgathering

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:

November 14, 2021 Worship Attendance – (in person 65) (online 24)
 Sunday School Attendance - 14

Other Funds

Total Offering	\$3,519.00
Other Funds	<u>441.00</u>
General Fund	\$3,078.00

Benevolence	\$ 76.00
Building Fund	143.00
Lutheran Disaster	56.00
Sunday School	31.00
Flowers	35.00
Food Pantry	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$ 441.00

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.

WELCA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. We will have readings, snacks, cookies, etc.

COMMUNITY

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS THAT ARE STILL NEEDED:

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.) OR TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), BOXED BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX, AND CANNED SWEET POTATOES; OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

Please make checks payable to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Address: P.O. Box 44, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -First Sunday of Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Luncheon & decorating of the church following worship service.
- 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
- Sunday:** -Second Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens Service.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

PRAYER LIST

Tim Arentz	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Noel Peachey
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Sue Henderson	Rick & Audrey Peters
Donna Barton	Nox Hepburn	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Donna Bell	Jay Hockenbroch	Dave Phelan
Andy Berrier	Allison Holderman	Butch & Sandy Pines
Ken Berrier	Brenda Imes	Mia Raish
Roxanne Boyer	Annie Ingle	Betty Ranck
Don Bratton	Doc Johnston	Keith Ranck
Dan Brown	Guy Kerstetter	Mike Rhoades
Andrea Cameron	Denny King	Claudette Satzler
Karen Centini	Family of Darwin Krouse	Mackenzie Shearer
Ron Chambers	Pam Lawson	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Randy Clark	Michael Lozano	Angie Sieber
Terry & April Coder	Carol Lyter	Mike Sparks
Vincent Cramer	Zaden Mabey	Andy Spigelmyer
Leann Crimmel	Mike Maclay	Vicki Suoja
Will DeLancy	Ryan Marker	Alice Swartz
Fred & Dot Dowling	Anthony Martin	Family of Cameron Sweigart
Renee Dzikowski	Mike Maugans	Dorothy Towsey
Tom Ernest	Carlen McClure	George Trego
Neil & Pat Fisher	Alice McClure	Family of Dan & Darlene
Jane Fogleman	Messiah Mutual Ministry	Varner
Derek Fry	Cecilia Miller	George & Kay Varner
Bentley Fulkroad	Ellwood Miller	Austin Willi
Joan Fulkroad	Larry Miller	Erma Williamson
Terri Gayer	Shirley Miller	Zach Wise
Eddi Kay Gill	Jim Minick	Jim Woltman
Sam & Diane Goshorn	Claire Mummah	Mackenzie Wray
Amy Hart	Ken Mummah	George Zimmerman
Joyce Hart	Darve Nace	Linda Zimmerman
Beth Harris	Paul Ogden	
	Austin Parker	

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
Margaret Guss – 20 South Third St., 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

Messiah Lutheran Church Poinsettia and/or Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form



In keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, poinsettias may now be purchased for our services this holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. They will be used to beautify our altar area to help us celebrate the holiday season. We are again including this year another way to honor or to remember loved ones by making a donation in their name to the Lutheran Disaster Response effort. In the wake of this year's many weather and wild fire disasters and because of those still suffering, we are again adding this worthwhile opportunity for those who may not usually consider purchasing a poinsettia.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check for either type (payment or donation)**, made payable to **"Messiah Lutheran Church"** and print **Poinsettias or Lutheran Disaster Response** in the memo line. Attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **December 10, 2020**. **PAYMENT OR DONATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!**

Thank you for helping to beautify our space, and/or supporting Lutheran Disaster Response!

Please note, that if you are making a donation for the disaster response effort, our Treasurer will keep track of all money received for that cause and write one check at the end of the Christmas season from our church to the Lutheran Disaster Response and also enclose a listing of those who were honored or remembered. As in the past, a full listing of either a Poinsettia or a Donation (will not include the amount of the donation) with those persons honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin for Sunday, December 19th and on Christmas Eve.

Flowers may be picked up anytime following our Christmas Eve Service.

Poinsettia/Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of () or In Memory Of ()

I would like to order and/or donate as follows:

6" Poinsettia (4 to 5 blooms) \$9.00 each: # of plants _____ x \$9.00 = \$ _____
Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response in the amount of _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Gm Dm Gm F Gm

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king;

Gm Dm Eb Bb Dm Gm

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Gm Bb Gm Dm Eb Bb Gm Dm

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Gm Dm Gm Dm Gm Eb F Gm

Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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F Gm7 Dm Bb

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin - we

F Bb maj7 C Bb6 F

Chris - tian love; The u - ni - ty of
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
 shall be free; And per - fect love and

Bb6 C7 Dm Bb6 F Bb F C7 F

heart and mind Is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

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