

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 13th, 2022

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 13, 2022 – 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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

#316 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (In Unison)

Come, Let Us Join



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

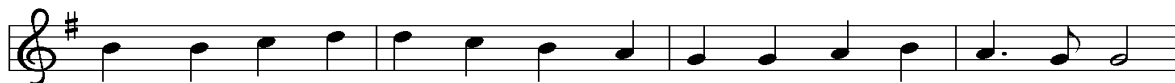


ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (to the tune of “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”)



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 Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:..... Psalm 1 (**responsively**)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

SECOND READING..... 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he

did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



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.

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

* GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

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

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

Vicar Leister
Vicar Leister

- * HYMN OF THE DAY "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" #370 Green Hymnal
- * 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 (Prayers read by Worship Leader)
P God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

- * 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.

ANTHEM

OFFERING PRESENTATION

- * SUNG OFFERTORY ("Create in Me")

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C Amen.

* HOLY COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C 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 We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

* BLESSING

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

* SENDING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

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* DISMISSAL

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Harrison Mumma & Gabby Reed

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Brea Beward & Braedon Walton

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark & Chris Martin (1/31/22 – 2/27/22)

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Paul W. Harrison, Christian Thinker: Wherever God rules over the human heart as King, there is the Kingdom of God established.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Sandy Pines and Michelle Stoner on the passing of their husband and father, Cloyd A. “Butch” Pines, Jr. who passed away on February 4, 2022 at his home. Please keep the family in your prayers.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of the birthday of Tammy Pines Walton by the Pines, Stoner and Walton families.

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 offering plates are placed during the service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. 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.

2022 SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room with information on this year’s summer camp programs. Information is also available on our website as well as online registration.

2022 LENTEN SERVICES AT MESSIAH

Ash Wednesday, March 2 – 7:00 p.m.....“Freedom Ashes, Freedom Dust”
Wednesday, March 9 – 7:00 p.m.....“Fast from Injury; Feast on Pardon”
Wednesday, March 16 – 7:00 p.m.....“Fast from Doubt; Feast on Faith”
Wednesday, March 23 – 7:00 p.m.....“Fast from Darkness; Feast on Light”
Wednesday, March 30 – 7:00 p.m.....“Fast from Despair; Feast on Hope”
Wednesday, April 6 – 7:00 p.m.....“Fast from Hatred; Sow Love”
Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 a.m.....Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast
Friday, April 15 – 7:30 p.m.....Good Friday Tenebrae Service

PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS

The Port Royal Men’s Lenten Prayer Breakfasts will be held each Saturday morning during Lent at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th street. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person for breakfast which will go to the Fire Company Auxiliary to cover the cost of the meal.

March 5	Ken Kitzmiller	Retired Pastor
March 12	Rev. Jeff Henry	Lighthouse Community Church
March 19	LeRoy Yoder	Shade Mountain Fellowship
March 26	Rev. Nicholas Smith	Stoney Run Mission
April 2	Garrick Paden, Youth Pastor	Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church
April 9	Vicar Sam Leister	Messiah Lutheran Church
April 16	Rev. Don Walters	Thompsontown Methodist Church

MARK YOU CALENDAR for Sunday, May 22, 2022. Brothers In Grace Gospel Quartet will be joining us for Music Sunday at Messiah.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ARE NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2022 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

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.

FEBRUARY’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will for Lutheran Disaster Relief, particularly those tornado victims in Kentucky and surrounding states. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster Relief to help those who have been displaced or are in need of any type of help. 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.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

February 6, 2022 Sunday School -- 14

Worship Attendance – (in person 53) (online 29)

Total Offering \$4,115.00
Other Funds 385.00
General Fund \$3,730.00

Other Funds

Benevolence \$ 13.00
Building Fund 274.00
Sunday School 12.00
Lutheran Disaster 35.00
Flowers 49.00
Total \$383.00

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.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:

CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.

Monday: **Happy Valentine's Day!**
-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 Sanctuary.

Thursday: -5:30 p.m., Girls Scouts in Fellowship Hall

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

PRAYER LIST

Tornado victims in Kentucky and surrounding states	Sam & Diane Goshorn	Jim Minick
The Family of Barbara Fairman	Piper Hall	Claire Mummah
The Family of Cloyd "Butch" Pines	Amy Hart	Ken Mummah
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Joyce Hart	Darve Nace
Donna Barton	Beth Harris	Paul Ogden
Donna Bell	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Austin Parker
Andy Berrier	Terry Hess	Noel Peachey
Roxanne Boyer	Sue Henderson	Rick & Audrey Peters
Michele Boniewicz	Nox Hepburn	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Don Bratton	Jay Hockenbroch	Dave Phelan
Dan Brown	Addison Holderman	Sandy Pines
Greg & Nicole Brunner	Erin Husler	Mia Raish
Jim Burdge	Brenda Imes	Betty Ranck
Andrea Cameron	Annie Ingle	Keith Ranck
Karen Centini	Doc Johnston	Mike Rhoades
Randy Clark	Pam Kennedy	Claudette Satzler
Terry & April Coder	Guy Kerstetter	Mackenzie Shearer
Vincent Cramer	Kevin Kilmer	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Leann Crimmel	Denny King	Althea Smith
Will DeLancy	Pam Lawson	Mike Sparks
Fred & Dot Dowling	Michael Lozano	Andy Spigelmyer
Cathy Dysinger	Carol Lyter	Eric St. Clair
Renee Dzikowski	Zaden Mabey	Vicki Suoja
Neil & Pat Fisher	Mike Maclay	Alice Swartz
Jane Fogleman	Ryan Marker	Dorothy Towsey
Derek Fry	Anthony Martin	George Trego
Mindy Fryer	Mike Maugans	George & Kay Varner
Bentley Fulkroad	Carlen McClure	Sam Walters
Joan Fulkroad	Alice McClure	Jeff Whitesel
Terri Gayer	Messiah Mutual Ministry	Austin Willi
Deb Geedey	Cecilia Miller	Jim Woltman
Eddi Kay Gill	Ellwood Miller	Mackenzie Wray
	Larry Miller	George Zimmerman
	Shirley Miller	Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

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