"Growing God's Kingdom"



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 20th, 2022 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 20, 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.

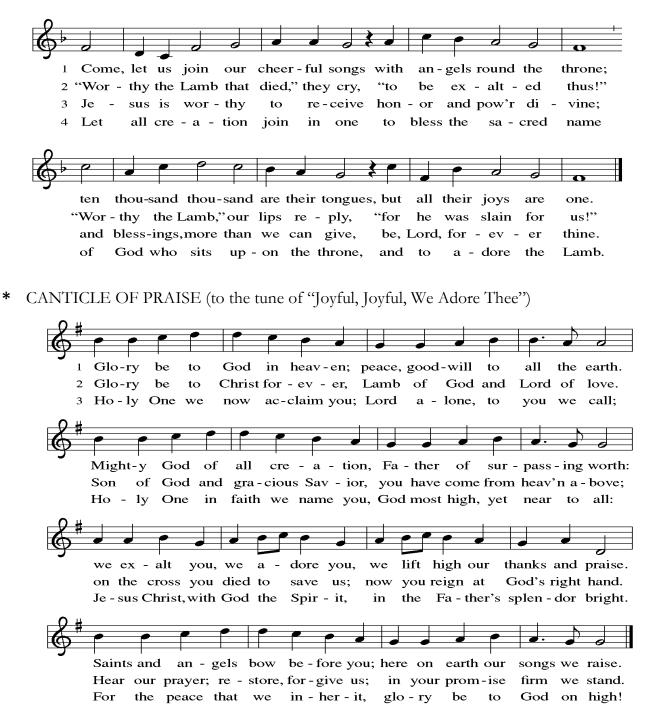
GATHERING

- * ENTRANCE HYMN
- "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#526 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



* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

- P Let us pray...
- C O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L: Here ends the reading. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:.....Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (responsively)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil. ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;

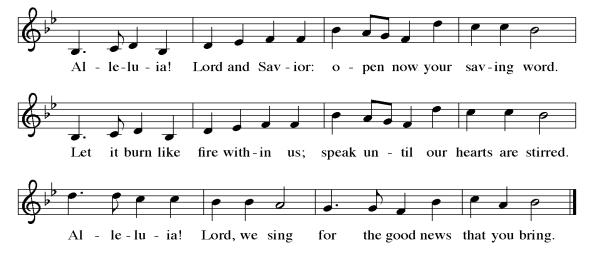
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

- L: Here ends the reading.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- * GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

- GOSPELLuke 6:27-38
 P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.
 - C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

- * HYMN OF THE DAY "Break Now the Bread of Life"
- * 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.

Vicar Leister

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#235 Green Hymnal

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.

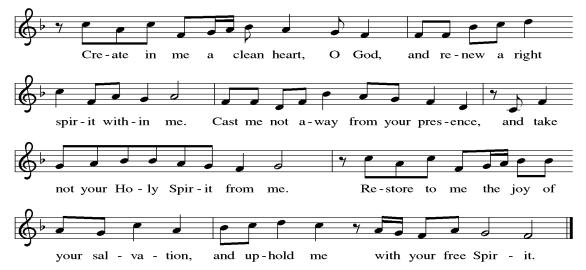
* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')



* 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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #315 Green Hymnal
- * 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 – Barb Geedey NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Thea Beward & Haley Mummah NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Grace Miller & Nick Reed NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark & Chris Martin (1/31/22 – 2/27/22)

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas Watson, English Theologian (1515 – 1584): Christ's blood has value enough to redeem the whole world, but the virtue of it is applied only to such as believe.

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 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 <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u> for any changes or requests.

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

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

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.	
Wednesday, March 9 – 7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, March 16 – 7:00 p.m	
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	
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 13,	2022 Sunday School 7		
	Worship Attendance – (in person 35) (online 11)	Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$5,291.00	Benevolence	\$ 220.00
Other Funds	<u>1,848.00</u>	Building Fund	50.00
General Fund	\$3,443.00	Sunday School	3.00
		Lutheran Disaster	50.00
		Memorial Fund	1,475.00
		World Hunger	50.00

\$1,848.00

Total

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 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.
- Monday: Presidents' Day Holiday -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room. -6:30 p.m., Lions Club in Fellowship Hall -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.
- Friday: Newsletter Deadline
- Sunday: Transfiguration of our Lord -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton Donna Bell Andy Berrier Roxanne Boyer Michele Boniewicz Don Bratton Dan Brown Greg & Nicole Brunner Jim Burdge Andrea Cameron Karen Centini Randy Clark Terry & April Coder Vincent Cramer Leann Crimmel Will DeLancy Fred & Dot Dowling Cathy Dysinger Renee Dzikowski Neil & Pat Fisher Jane Fogleman Derek Fry Mindy Fryer Bentley Fulkroad Joan Fulkroad Terri Gayer Deb Geedey Eddi Kay Gill Sam & Diane Goshorn Piper Hall Amy Hart Joyce Hart

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Ken Mummah Darve Nace Paul Ogden Austin Parker Noel Peachev **Rick & Audrey Peters** Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine Dave Phelan Sandy Pines Mia Raish Betty Ranck Keith Ranck Mike Rhoades Claudette Satzler Mackenzie Shearer Ron & Arlene Shearer Althea Smith Mike Sparks Andy Spigelmyer Eric St. Clair Vicki Suoja Alice Swartz Dorothy Towsey George Trego George & Kay Varner Sam Walters Jeff Whitesel Austin Willi Jim Woltman Mackenzie Wray George Zimmerman 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, Thompsontown, 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