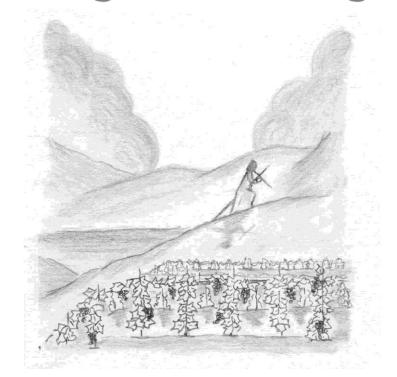
"Growing God's Kingdom"



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3rd, 2022 Messiah Lutheran Church

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT April 3, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.

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PREPARATION

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

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.
- C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Holy One,
- C we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.
- P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to us, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to us again and again and gathers us under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, our sins are forgiven. God journeys with us and teaches us how to live in love.
- C Amen.

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- * GREETING
 - P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 - C And also with you.
- * KYRIE (Congregation sings responses)
 - P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- * PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)
 - P Let us pray...
 - C Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

P: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

SECOND READING......Philippians 3:4b-14

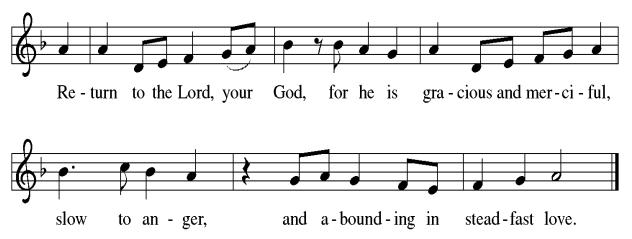
^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my

own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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



Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

- * GOSPEL.....John 12:1-8
 - P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

	CHILDREN'S SERMON		Slone Smith
	SERMON		Slone Smith
*	HYMN OF THE DAY	"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"	#293 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.

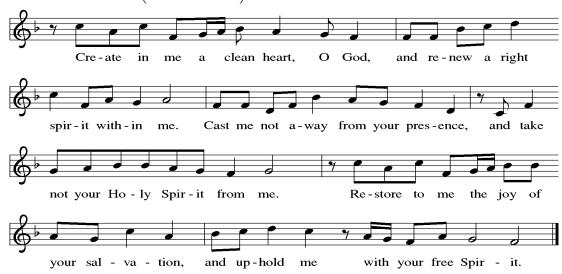
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- * PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
 - P Merciful God,
 - C receive 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 O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

SENDING PRAYER

- * BLESSING
 - P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always.
 - C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)
- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
 - C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING CHIMES

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Olivia Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Thea Beward & Sofia Reed NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens (6th century): The simple, absolute and immutable mysteries of the divine Truth are hidden in secret. For this darkness, though of deepest obscurity, is yet radiantly clear; and, though beyond touch and sight, it more than fills our unseeing minds with splendors of transcendent beauty.

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.

VICAR SAM LEISTER will be away from Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3rd. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact Clint Miller at 717-436-2876.

KATE SWAILES IS SERVING AS OUR CONGREGATION'S CAMPERSON with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or <u>cml@campmountluther.org</u>. Since our congregation has a camperson, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail.

For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit <u>www.campmountluther.org</u>. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 12th so that we receive the early registration discount.

*NEW THIS YEAR: If you bring a friend to camp who has never been there, you get 25% off your registration.

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2022 LENTEN SERVICES AT MESSIAH

Wednesday, April 6 – 7:00 p.m.	"Fast from Hatred; Sow Love"
Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 a.m	
Friday, April 15 – 7:30 p.m	

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.

April 9	Vicar Sam Leister	Messiah Lutheran Church
April 16	Rev. Don Walters	Thompsontown Methodist Church

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will be held Easter Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Children should bring baskets to collect eggs. Also, there will be a basket on the piano for any candy donations. **ON** or **BEFORE** Palm Sunday.

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

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

THE MARCH "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be Lutheran World Relief - Ukraine. The monies

will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran World Relief to assist the people and refugees from Ukraine. 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. Loose offering collected during Wednesday evening services during Lent will go to our local Meals-On-Wheels program.

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:

March 20, 202	2 Sunday School 13		
	Worship Attendance – (in person 57) (online 35)	Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$5,120.00	Benevolence	\$ 283.00
Other Funds	<u>869.00</u>	Building Fund	313.00
General Fund	\$4,251.00	Sunday School	3.00
		World Hunger	50.00
		Flowers	70.00
		Camp Mt. Luther	<u>150.00</u>
		Total	\$ 869.00
March 23, 2022	Worship Attendance – (in person 23) (online 12)	Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$ 70.00	Meals-On-Wheels	\$ 70.00
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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.

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION DAY OF LEARNING will be held at United Lutheran Church in Sunbury on April 30th with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the program starting at 10:00 a.m. This event will offer two learning experiences: "Protect yourself from SCAMS and FRAUD" and experiences on 'short-term' mission trips. The cost will be \$10.00 to cover lunch. Registration deadline is April 23rd. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Barb Geedey at 436-6433 for more information.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be on Thursday, May 12th at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Area. All women of Messiah are invited to attend.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED from Juniata County Children and Youth requesting donations of clothing for Packages of Hope for local families as well as children entering foster care. The list of clothing items is included below. If you would like to purchase an item or two to donate, please place them in the appropriate storage containers located in the Adult Sunday School Room.

0-3 Years

--Socks (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)

--Onesies (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)

--Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)

4-7 Years

- --Socks (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Underwear (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Sweatshirts (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)

8-12 Years

--Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium. large, extra-large)

- --Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

--Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

13-17 Years

--Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

--Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

--Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

--Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

--Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

--Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

(Additionally, we are requesting donations of plastic storage containers to help store and organize all donated items).

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS (ESPECIALLY CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES), TOILET PAPER, AND PAPER PRODUCTS. ALSO, DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today:	-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.
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. -6:15 p.m., Choir rehearsal. -7:00 p.m., Lenten Service – "Fast From Hatred; Sow Love."
Saturday:	-7:00 a.m., Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast at Port Royal Community Building.
Sunday:	-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 Michele Boniewicz Dan Brackbill 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 Seth Dowling Cathy Dysinger Renee Dzikowski Kay Eyler 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

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Jim Minick Claire Mummah Ken Mummah Paul Ogden Austin Parker Noel Peachey **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 Vicki Suoja Alice Swartz Dorothy Towsey George Trego George & Kay Varner Sam Walters Jeff Whitesel Austin Willi Jim Woltman Mackenzie Wray Phillip Zendt 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

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday is <u>April 17, 2022</u> and in keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, Lilies you purchase will be "planted" around our altar to help us celebrate the special occasion.

Please complete the order form below and attach <u>a check</u>, made payable to **"Messiah Lutheran Church"** and print **Easter Lilies** in the memo line. Then, please attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by <u>April 8, 2022</u>. <u>PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!</u>

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM.

Thank you for helping to beautify our space and for supporting our church!

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME:	PHONE:
LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS: Please check one: In Honor Of ()	OR In Memory Of ()
I would like to order the following: Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$10.00	# of plants X \$10.00 = \$ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$