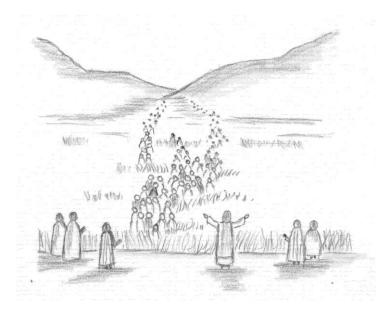
"Growing God's Kingdom"



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24th, 2022 **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 24, 2022 – 9:15 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, whose steadfast love endures forever.
 - C Amen.
 - P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.
- P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

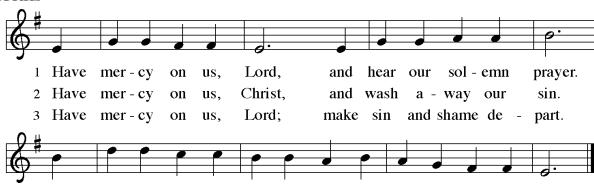
"You Servants of God"

#252 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

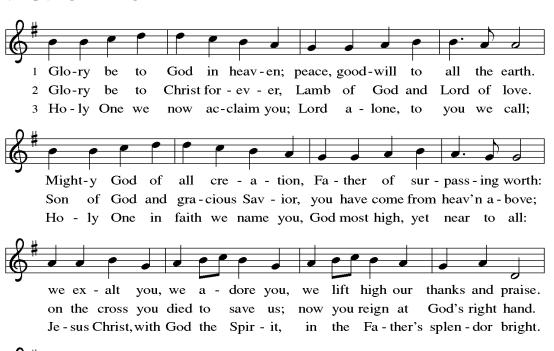
* KYRIE



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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 Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

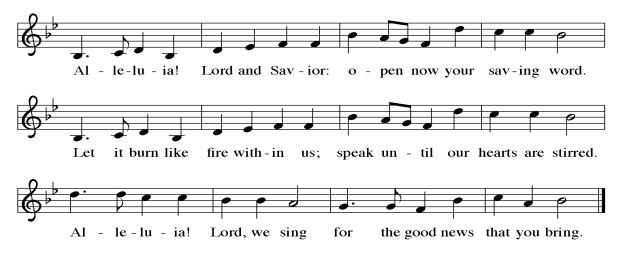
The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[16Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

* GOSPEL.....Luke 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON Pastor Leister Pastor Leister

HYMN OF THE DAY "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #200 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.

* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

- P God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.

MEAL

- * COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)
 - P Let us give thanks to the Lord.
 - C For through these gifts he comes to feed us.
 - P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.
 - C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.
 - P Let us come to his table with joy,
 - C for we come as God's invited guests!

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share

with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, how and forever.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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.

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

DISTRIBUTION

["At the Chancel Rail" – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in your seat for communion)

* 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 Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen

SENDING

- * BLESSING
 - P The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
 - C Amen, Amen. (sung)
- * SENDING HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

#495 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR - Andrea Cameron

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark & Chris Martin (6/27/22—7/31/22)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES - Olivia Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Harrison Mummah & Olivia Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Thea Beward, Sofia Reed & Zeb Berry

WELCOME TO ALL!

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR COMMUNION. If you so desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Drew and Hannah's birthdays by Don and Barb Geedey.

JUST A THOUGHT – D. L. Moody, Evangelist (1837 – 1899): The way to be saved is not to delay, but to come and take.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY 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 Pastor Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

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 mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor 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 are now using "FULL" communion (cup and wafer). If you prefer to remain in your seat and use the communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice, please take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

SEPTEMBER WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT! That means Sunday School will be starting again. We only have <u>one</u> class—a group of 5 or 6 kids in grades 2 to 5. We need <u>at least 2</u> teachers for this class. The <u>more volunteers</u> we have, the <u>fewer times</u> you will need to teach. So, <u>please</u>, do not let these kids down. Keep Sunday School going at Messiah! Please call Linda Clark at 717-348-8262 and say you will teach this class 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.

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.

THE JULY "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for the Central Juniata Park Pool. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to this local organization. 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.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – Please let the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

BAPTISMAL & NEW MEMBER CLASS – If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to become a member of Messiah and attend the New Member Class, please let the church office know so a class can be scheduled.

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:

July 10, 2022 Worship Attendance – (in person 36 – Online 31)

	-	Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$1,740.00	Building Fund	\$ 65.00
Other Funds	<u>255.00</u>	Benevolence	105.00
General Fund	\$1,485.00	Mission of the Month -	
		Central Juniata Pool	50.00
		Ordination Meal -	
		Donation	10.00
		Flowers	25.00
		Total	\$255.00

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.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE IN-KIND ITEMS through the middle of August to hand deliver to the Shelter in Lewistown: dish detergent, shampoos and conditioners, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes, and hairbrushes. If you would like to help with this collection, purchase whatever you choose and place your items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS that will be sent in October are:

- --1 light weight bath-size towel between (20" x 40" and 52" x 27") dark colors preferred.
- --1 adult-sized toothbrush in its original packaging (multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope) (no plastic bags or wrap).
- -- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- --1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional) remove packaging.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, August 11th at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Area.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY:
CANNED BEETS, CARROTS & POTATOES
CLEANING SUPPLIES & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
BACKPACK PROGRAM: (SINGLE-SERVE FRUIT CUPS, JELLO CUPS,
NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING & SINGLE-SERVE MEALS)
WE GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -9:15 a.m., Worship & Communion.

Monday: -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.

Wednesday: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

Friday: -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.

Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Worship & Communion; Healing Service.

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton Michele Boniewicz Dan Brackbill Don Bratton Dan Brown Lucy Cargill & family Randy Clark Terry Coder Jane Cook Vincent Cramer Will DeLancy Fred & Dot Dowling Seth Dowling Freda Durio Cathy Dysinger Renee Dzikowski Neil & Pat Fisher Jane Fogleman Steve Freeman & family Mindy Fryer Bentley Fulkroad Terri Gayer Deb Geedev Eddi Kav Gill Beth Harris Amy Hart Joyce Hart

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Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine Dave & Nancy Phelan Sandy Pines Mia Raish Betty Ranck Blossom Ranck Keith Ranck Mike Rhoades Diane Rowles Ron & Arlene Shearer Althea Smith Dave Smith Vicki Suoja Mike Sparks Andy Spigelmyer Stacey & Bonnie Swartz Dorothy Towsey George Trego Molly Ulsh Roscoe Warner & family Todd Wert & daughter 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
- --Alice Swartz & Rich Smith Berry's Personal Care, 68 Lexi St., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Ruth Cisney & Ray Bramm Honneman House, 58 Honneman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- --Edith Nipple 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Sieber & Ona Stoner William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044
- --Ken Stuck 66 Eighth St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

^{*}Peace in Ukraine & Russia

^{*}Victims of Gun Violence

^{*}Congregation of Centre Lutheran Church