"Growing God's Kingdom"



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14th, 2022 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Messiah Lutheran Church

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 14, 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

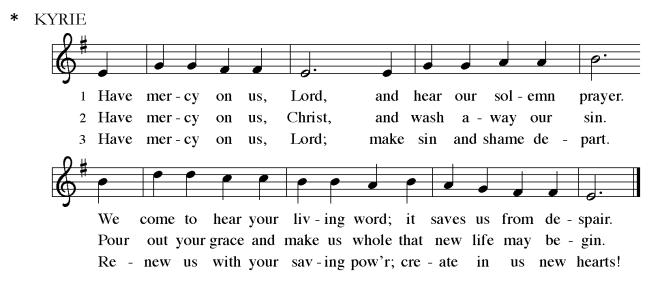
* GATHERING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#479 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.



* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

- P Let us pray...
- C O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

²"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked? ³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked. ⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; ⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'''

⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

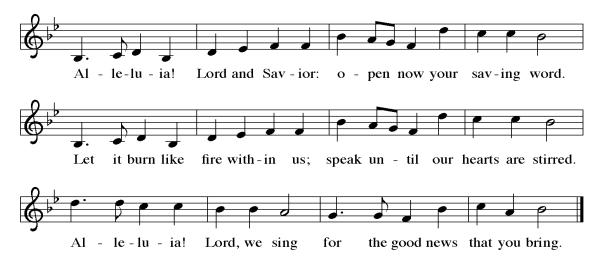
The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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



Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

- * GOSPEL.....Luke 12:49-56
 - P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son

against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Pastor Leister Pastor Leister #495 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.

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

* 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, Amen. (sung)
- * SENDING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" #532 Green Hymnal
- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines, Michelle Stoner & Jenn Hutchinson ((8/15/22—8/28/22) Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (8/29/22—9/25/22) NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Brea Beward & Paige Martin NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Zeb Berry & Gabby Reed NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Zeb Berry, Gabby Reed & Olivia Mummah NEXT WEEK'S MANN BREAD MAKER – Barb Geedey

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of William C. Nipple by Edith Nipple and family.

WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Scott Clark and Brenda Jones who were married on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Annsfield Estate, Mifflintown, PA by Pastor Samuel Leister.

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.

JUST A THOUGHT – John Newton, Anglican Clergyman (1725 – 1807): I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.

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 Pastor Leister at mlcsleister@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 <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>mlcsleister@gmail.com</u>

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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS STILL NEEDED!! It is now August and still, <u>no one</u> has offered to teach the one and only Sunday School class at Messiah. Can you not give one hour, once a month, on a Sunday morning for Silas, Sofia, Stella, and Carter? These kids have attended almost every Sunday in the past. Are <u>YOU</u> going to let them down! If you are willing and able to teach this Sunday School class, please contact Linda Clark at 717-348-8262 – for the kids!!! Thank you in advance!

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 AUGUST "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for "Wings of Kindness." The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to W.O.K. so they may continue to serve our local community. 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.

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES WILL RESUME on September 4th at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

THANK YOU to Messiah Church Family for the beautiful altar flowers I received. I appreciate you thinking of me.

Alice Swartz

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 31, 2022 Worship Attendance – (in person 42)

| Total Offering | \$2,020.00 |
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| Other Funds | 371.00 |
| General Fund | \$1,649.00 |

| Other Funds | |
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| Building Fund | \$ 66.00 |
| Benevolence | 56.00 |
| Mission of the Month - | |
| Central Juniata Pool | 120.00 |
| Lutheran Disaster | 10.00 |
| Flowers | 24.00 |
| Donation - Office Desk | <u>95.00</u> |
| Total | \$371.00 |

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.

WE WILL CONTINUE to collect donations of clothing for Packages of Hope for local families as well as children entering foster care as requested by Children's Services. 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 AUGUST:

CANNED POTATOES, CANNED CARROTS, DISH SOAP, ANY CLEANING SUPPLIES AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SCHOOL SUPPLIES (ESPECIALLY SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS AND SCISSORS), MONETARY DONATIONS OF CASH/GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR CHURCH SERVICE will be held on September 4th at 4:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Please bring a lawn chair.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held on October 9th at Walker Township Park. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the WALK begins at 2:00 p.m.

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.
- Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Worship & Communion -After Worship – Voter's Assembly (Business: Voting on Board Directors and PPC Directors) -After Voter's Assembly – Worship & Music Committee Meeting

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton Michele Boniewicz Dan Brackbill Don Bratton Dan Brown 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 Gaver Deb Geedey Eddi Kay Gill Deborah Gingrich Beth Harris Amy Hart Joyce Hart

*Peace in Ukraine & Russia *Victims of Gun Violence

Sue Henderson Lahryn Henry Nox Hepburn Jay Hockenbroch Erin Husler Brenda Imes Terry Imes Annie Ingle Andrea Kauffman Pam Kennedy Guy Kerstetter Kevin Kilmer Pam Lawson John Lehman Ray Long Michael Lozano Zaden Mabey Anthony Martin Carlen McClure Alice McClure Cecilia Miller Ellwood Miller Larry Miller Shirley Miller Jim Minick Claire Mummah Ken Mummah Paul Ogden

Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks 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 Todd Wert 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