# "Growing God's Kingdom"



# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Messiah Lutheran Church

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**TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:** Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

### Messiah Lutheran Church

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#### TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 28, 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

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

#309 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments! <sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.** <sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

7Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their

way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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



Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

- \* GOSPEL.....Luke 14:1, 7-14
  - P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

#### C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"* 

Pastor Leister Pastor Leister #433 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, Amen. (sung)
- \* SENDING HYMN "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" #429 Green Hymnal
- DISMISSAL
  P Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Harrison Mummah 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 – Evan Miller & Nick Reed NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Hannah Ehrisman & Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Sofia Reed, Hannah Ehrisman & Brea Beward

### 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.

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Theresa of Alvila, Spanish Nun and Mystic (1515 – 1582): My soul is like a mirror in which the glory of God is reflected, but sin, however insignificant, covers the mirror with smoke.

#### **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 <u>mlcsleister@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 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.

THE WOMEN OF ELCA HAVE PLANNED AN ACTIVITY FOR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY which will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Following the worship service, a light lunch of soup, sandwiches, snacks, dessert and beverage will be provided. Following lunch, we are inviting the youth and anyone (man or woman) to stay and help to knot our quilts. These quilts will be sent to LWR in October along with our personal care kits. All are invited to attend!

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.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE WORK CAMP PRESENTATION at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear about the adventures Haley, Harrison and Thea had in Wethersfield CT earlier this summer. Light refreshments will be served. <u>ALL</u> interested youth age 14 and over are invited to attend a brief meeting after the presentation to choose the camp for 2023.

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

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:

August 21, 2022 Worship Attendance – (in person 53 – Online 11)

Total Offering	\$3,942.00	Building Fund	\$1	56.00
Other Funds	1,567.00	Benevolence	1	76.00
General Fund	\$2,375.00	Mission of the Month -	-	
		Wings of Kindness	1	00.00
		Flowers		25.00
		Donation – Office		
		Desk	<u>1,1</u>	10.00
		Total	\$1,5	67.00

Other Funds

#### WOMEN OF THE ELCA

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cynthia Smith will provide devotions.

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 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Please bring a lawn chair.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> 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. -4:00 p.m., Youth Work Camp Presentation for 2023 at St. Stephen's.
Monday:	-6:30 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall. -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.
Wednesday:	-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall. -Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary.
Sunday:	-9:15 a.m., Sunday School -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

-4:00 p.m., Youth Work Camp Presentation for 2023 at St. Stephen's.

#### PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton Rodai Batiinda 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 Gayer Deb Geedey Eddi Kay Gill Deborah Gingrich Beth Harris Amy Hart

\*Peace in Ukraine & Russia \*Victims of Gun Violence

Joyce Hart 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 Family of Bob Slautterback 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