

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16th, 2022

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 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 is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C Amen.

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

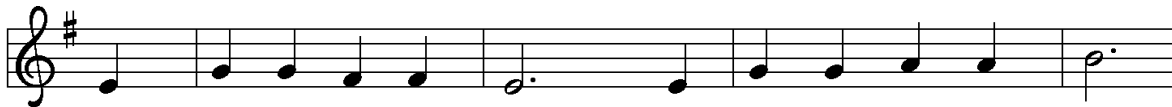
#231 Green Hymnal

* 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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



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 **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

FIRST READING.....Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:121 (*Responsively*)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

SECOND READING.....2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,

equipped for every good work.

⁴In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

* GOSPEL.....Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

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

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

Pastor Leister
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HYMN OF THE DAY *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* #439 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 Hear us, O God.
C **Your mercy is great.**

ANTHEM

* 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 Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
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, now 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 God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN *"Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak"* #403 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD –Tawny Mummah, Tammy Smith & Tammy Brackbill (10/17/22—10/30/22)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES –

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS –

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 worshipping 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 – Dave Veerman, Christian Thinker: Biblical application means allowing the truth of the scripture to penetrate our lives, to make a difference in how we live.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

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 **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. 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 mlcsleister@gmail.com

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 OCTOBER “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief, to help those affected in several states by Hurricane Ian. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to L.D.R so they may continue to serve those whose lives have been turned upside down by Ian. 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.

A TOTAL of 211 quilts, sewn by “The Needlers,” and 20 personal care kits were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to everyone who collected items for the kits!

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 REPORTS:

October 2, 2022 Worship Attendance – (in person 56 – Sunday School 14)

Total Offering	\$1,627.00	<u>Other Funds</u>	
		Building Fund	\$ 160.00

Other Funds	<u>232.00</u>
General Fund	\$1,395.00

Benevolence	20.00
Mission of Month	20.00
Sunday School	7.00
Flowers	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ 232.00

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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

AGAIN THIS YEAR THE FOOD PANTRY will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and **YOU** to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive, please give generously. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS:

(THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET) – TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 lbs.), CANNED SWEET POTATOES, STUFFING, GRAVY, & BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX – OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship, Communion, Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship, Communion, Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m., Worship & Music Committee meeting.
-6:30 p.m., PPC meeting.

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik
Donna Barton
Rodai Batiinda
Gary Bechtold
Michele Boniewicz
Dan Brackbill
Don Bratton
Dan Brown
Raymond Cameron
Randy Clark
Terry Coder
Jean Compton
Vincent Cramer
Will DeLancy
Fred & Dot Dowling
Seth Dowling
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
The Ettlenger Family
Neil & Pat Fisher
Jane Fogleman
Steve Freeman & family
Mindy Fryer
Bentley Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey
Eddi Kay Gill

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Joyce Hart
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Diane Rowles
Ron & Arlene Shearer
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Vicki Suoja
Andy Spigelmyer
Stacey & Bonnie Swartz
Dorothy Towsey
Molly Ulsh
Doug Wagner
Roscoe Warner
Todd Wert
Eric Wirt
Jim Woltman
Phillip Zendt
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

- *Peace in Ukraine & Russia
- *Victims of Hurricane Ian
- *Victims of Gun Violence

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