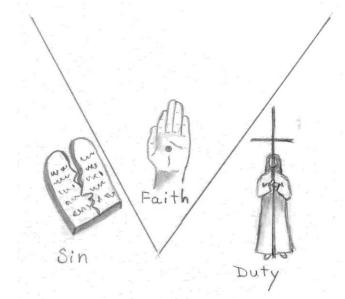
"Growing God's Kingdom"



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER Pentecost

October 23rd, 2022 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH REV. SAMUEL J. LEISTER, PASTOR

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Messiah Lutheran Church

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 23, 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

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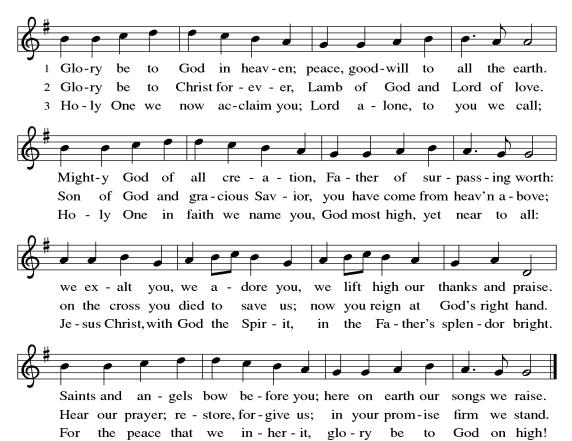
GATHERING HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#87 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



* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

- P Let us pray...
- C Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

FIRST READING.....Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 ⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. ⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? ⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

low dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

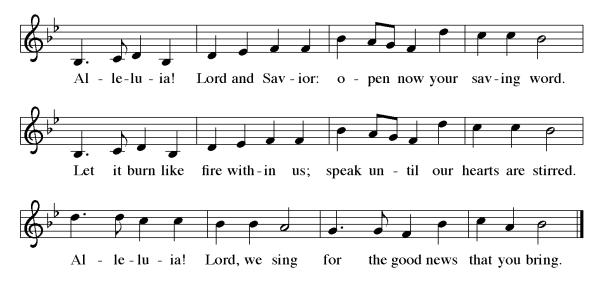
7They will climb from height to height,

and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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



The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

- * GOSPEL.....Luke 18:9-14
 - P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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.

* 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, 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 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 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #265 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 - Marina Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD –Tawny Mummah, Tammy Smith & Tammy Brackbill (10/17/22—10/30/22) NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Sofia Reed & Gabby Reed NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Stella Reed, Nick Reed & Evan Miller NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD MAKER – Tammy Brackbill

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.

ALRAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Dan and Michelle Stoner's anniversary by Sandy Pines.

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 – Roswell C. Long, Christian Thinker: Worship liberates the personality by giving a new perspective to life.

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>

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.

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.

THE TOUR FOR OUR YOUTH of the WHTM Studio in Harrisburg has been postponed to a later date.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORTS:

October 9, 2	022 Worship Attendance – (in person	69 – online 33 - Sunday School 12)	
		Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$3,453.00	Building Fund	\$ 88.00
Other Funds	246.00	Benevolence	23.00
General Fund	\$3,207.00	Mission of Month	130.00
		Sunday School	<u>5.00</u>
		Total	\$ 246.00
October 16,	2022 Worship Attendance – (in person	44 – online 36 – Sunday School 11) <u>Other Funds</u>	
Total Offering	\$1,889.30	Building Fund	\$ 110.00
Other Funds	<u>314.30</u>	Benevolence	80.00
General Fund	\$1,575.00	Mission of Month	120.00
		Sunday School	<u>4.30</u>
		Total	\$ 314.30

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 <u>YOU</u> 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. -11:30 a.m., Worship & Music Committee meeting. -6:30 p.m., PPC meeting.
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.
Friday:	-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
Saturday:	-9:00 a.m., Marine Corps League in Fellowship Hall.
Sunday:	-Reformation Sunday. -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship, Communion, Jr. Church.

-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 Ettlinger Family Neil & Pat Fisher Jane Fogleman Steve Freeman & family Mindy Fryer Bentley Fulkroad Terri Gayer Deb Geedey

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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