

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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#### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 12, 2023 – 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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

**C we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

**C Amen.**

### GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN      *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*      #448 Green Hymnal

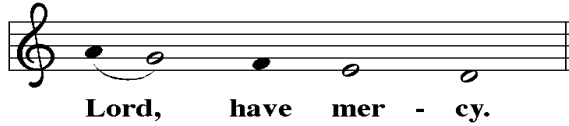
\* GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (Congregation sings responses)

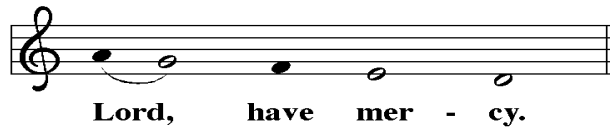
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C **Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

FIRST READING.....Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

P: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 95 (*responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**<sup>8</sup>"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,

**'They shall never come to my rest.'"**

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

SECOND READING.....Romans 5:1-11


<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of

God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* LENTEN ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

\* GOSPEL.....John 4:5-42

P The Holy Gospel according to John , the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give

them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON

Pastor Sam Leister  
Pastor Sam Leister

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY      *"He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!"*      #501 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 ("Create in Me")

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C **Amen.**

MEAL

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P With his Body and Blood, Jesus Christ delivers us from the power of darkness.

C **and leads us into the Kingdom of God.**

P Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death,

C **even to death on a cross.**

P He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities,

C **and on him was the chastisement that made us whole.**

P Here at his holy table he feeds us now with his Body and Blood.

**C Glory to you, our Lord and Savior; with your Body and Blood you redeem the world.**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C We praise you, O God.**

P 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.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

**C 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).

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

\* LAMB OF GOD (sung)

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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 their 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 Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING PRAYER**

\* BLESSING

P God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING CHIMES

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Brea Beward & Evan Miller

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Thea Beward, Hope & Grace Miller

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward (2-27 – 3-26)

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – 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 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.

JUST A THOUGHT – German Proverb: If God were not willing to forgive sin, heaven would be empty.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

MARCH’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for Camp Mount Luther. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Camp Mount Luther to continue assisting in their children’s ministries. 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.

BIBLE STUDY continues in the Junior Church Room on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible Study will not be held during Lent. This ELCA *Daily Discipleship* follows the Gospel lessons from our worship. Next week’s topic will be “*Questioning is not doubting.*”

PIANO COVERING NEEDED – If anyone would be interested in donating and “hooking up” a sheer black curtain for the back of our “new” piano in the altar area, please let Worship & Music director Slone Smith know. We are in need of covering some of the marks on the back of this 100+ year old piano but want to maintain its integrity. THANK YOU!!

2023 SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room with information on this year’s summer camp programs and schedule. Information is also available on our website as well as online registration.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS, sponsored by St. Jude’s Knights of Columbus, will be held every Friday through March 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude’s Catholic Church. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6-12 years old, and kids 5 and under FREE.

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:

March 5, 2023 Worship Attendance – (in person 58 – online 35 – Sunday School 23)

Total Offering	\$3,943.00	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Other Funds	<u>911.00</u>	Building Fund	\$ 108.00
General Fund	\$3,032.00	Benevolence	83.00
		Mission of the Month -	
		Camp Mt. Luther	75.00
		Disaster Relief	10.00
		Flowers	25.00
		Use of Building	600.00
		Lenten Offering	<u>10.00</u>
		Total	\$911.00

2023 PORT ROYAL MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFASTS, 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4<sup>th</sup> street:

March 18	Warren Wagner	Free Spring Church of the Brethren
March 25	Rodney Pry	Free Spring Church of the Brethren
April 1	Rev. Parrish Munro	McAlisterville United Methodist Church
April 8	Rev. Ron Shupe	First Baptist Church

2023 LENTEN SERVICES – all services begin at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
March 15	Port Royal Methodist Church	“The Way, the Truth & the Life” John 14:6 <i>Pastor Sam Leister, preaching</i>
March 22	Messiah Lutheran Church	“The Vine” John 15:1-5 <i>Pastor Crystal Baumgardner, preaching</i>
March 29	Aldersgate Methodist Church	“The Light of the World” Matthew 5:14-16 <i>Pastor Nancy McClure, preaching</i>
April 5	St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church	“The Good Shepherd” John 10:10-15 <i>Pastor Sam Leister, preaching</i>

April 6 (Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast) – 7:00 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church.....*Pastor Sam Leister*

April 7 (Good Friday Tenebrae Service) – 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church.....*Pastor Sam Leister*

ALL LOOSE OFFERING collected from Messiah and other area churches from the Ash Wednesday, mid-week Lenten services and the Tenebrae service will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry.

2023 LADIES COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS:

Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

March 15	Trinity Methodist Church	Linda Groninger (994-3226)
March 22	Aldersgate Methodist Church	Pastor Mindy Petrovcic (513-7194)
March 29	St. Jude’s Catholic Church	Kathy Fitzgerald (348-9098)

## **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).

## *WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT*

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

## COMMUNITY

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ESPECIALLY CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES;  
TOILET PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES. CASH AND CHECK DONATIONS  
AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

### 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., Knitters in Junior Church Room.  
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m., Bible Study in Junior Church Room.  
-6:30 p.m., Quilters Guild in Fellowship Hall.  
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.
- Wednesday:** -9:30 a.m. Ladies Community Lenten Tea at Trinity Methodist Church  
-7:00 p.m., Mid-Week Lenten Service at Port Royal Methodist Church.
- Thursday:** -5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:** -7:00 a.m., Men's Prayer Breakfast at Port Royal Community Building.  
-4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Steve & Linda Bahorik	Bob & Eddi Kay Gill	Claire Mummah
Jeremy Barnes	Arrin Gilson	Ken Mummah
Donna Barton	Deborah Gingrich	Paul Ogden
Gary Bechtold	Grace Goshorn	Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks
Michele Boniewicz	Sylva Grimm	Shade Parks
Dan Brackbill	Sue Henderson	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Don Bratton	Nox Hepburn	Sandy Pines
Dan Brown	Erin Husler	Betty Ranck
Raymond Cameron	Terry Imes	Keith Ranck
Randy Clark	Annie Ingle	Diane Rowles
Terry Coder	Curt Kauffman	Harold Shearer
Fred & Dot Dowling	Guy Kerstetter	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Seth Dowling	Pam Lawson	Joyce & Todd Spangler
Freda Durio	John Lehman	Andy Spigelmyer
Cathy Dysinger	Norma Leach	Barry Strawser
Renee Dzikowski	Bobby Lillis	Vicki Suoja
The Ettlinger Family	Michael Lozano	Dorothy Towsey
Neil & Pat Fisher	Zaden Mabey	Molly Ulsh
Jim Fitzgerald	Anthony Martin	Doug Wagner
Jane Fogleman	Carlen McClure	Roscoe Warner
Steve Freeman & family	Alice McClure	Jim Woltman
Mindy Fryer	Cecilia Miller	Gary Zeiders
Bentley Fulkroad	Ellwood Miller	Phillip Zendt
Terri Gayer	Larry Miller	George Zimmerman
Deb Geedey	Shirley Miller	Linda Zimmerman
	Brian Mullen	

## **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

- Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Gail Henderson 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, Thompsettown, PA 17094
- Edith Nipple – 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044
- Ken Stuck – 66 Eighth St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

# EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday is April 9, 2023 and in keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, Lilies you purchase will be “planted” around our altar to help us celebrate the special occasion.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check**, made payable to “**Messiah Lutheran Church**” and print **Easter Lilies** in the memo line. Then, please attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **April 4, 2023**. *PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!*

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM.

Thank you for helping to beautify our space and for supporting our church!

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## EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of ( ) OR In Memory Of ( )

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I would like to order the following:

Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$11.00 # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$11.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_