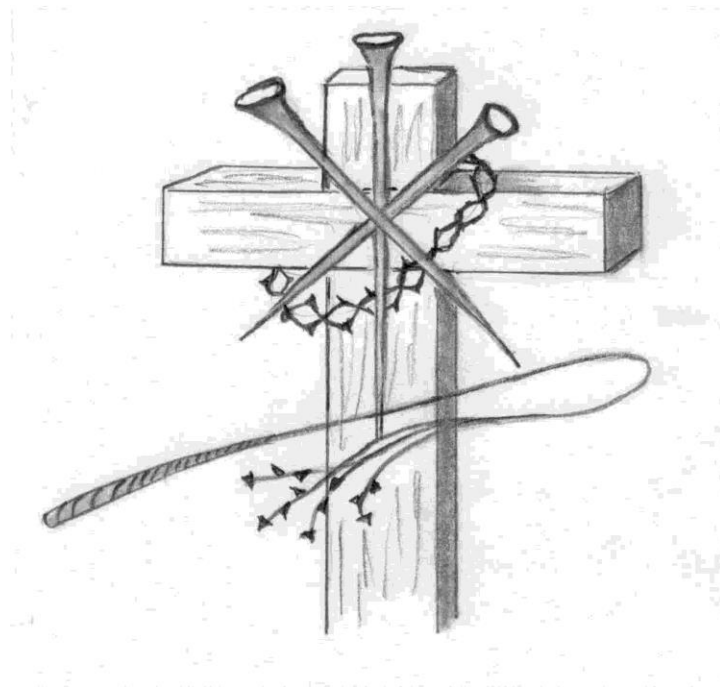


# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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#### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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Altar Guild  
Manna Bread Baker

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 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

*"Blessed Assurance"*

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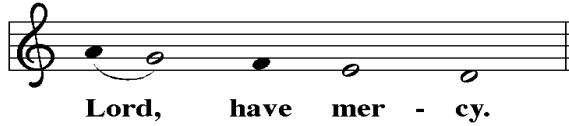
\* GREETING

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)

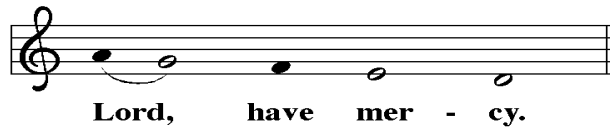
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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 **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

FIRST READING.....1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

P: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 23 (*responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, " Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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 heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

\* GOSPEL.....John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to John , the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had

formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." <sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON

Pastor Sam Leister

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\* HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Near the Cross"*

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\* 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).

ANTHEM

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 – Marina Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Grace Miller & Braedon Walton

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Evan Miller, Julia & Paige Martin

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

## **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 – A. W. Tozer, American Christian Pastor (1897 – 1963): Our great honor lies in being just what Jesus was and is.

### **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 *“An Instrument of God's Joy and Consolation.”*

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT will be held Easter Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Donations of candy are needed and would be greatly appreciated!

PPC WILL MEET this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Area.

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!!

KATE SWAILES is serving as our congregation's camp person with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Since our congregation has a camp person, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate to use at the camp store this summer! Campers who attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail. For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 12<sup>th</sup> so that we receive the early registration discount. Also, if you bring a friend to camp who has never been there, you get 25% off your registration.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS, sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus, will be held every Friday during Lent 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)

		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Total Offering	\$3,943.00	Building Fund	\$ 108.00
Other Funds	<u>911.00</u>	Benevolence	83.00
General Fund	\$3,032.00	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 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 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 10:10-1

*Pastor Sam Leister, preaching*

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 22	Aldersgate Methodist Church	Pastor Mindy Petrovic (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. No Catechetical Class (**we will be watching the movie “Martin Luther.” Anyone from the congregation who would also like to see the movie is welcome to join us**).  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-6:30 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room.  
-6:30 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.  
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple’s Class. Area.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m., Bible Study in Junior Church Room.  
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.
- Wednesday:** -9:30 a.m. Ladies Community Lenten Tea at Aldersgate Methodist Church.  
-7:00 p.m., Mid-Week Lenten Service at Messiah.
- Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Saturday:** -7:00 a.m., Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Port Royal Community Building.  
-Marine Corps’ League in Youth Area.  
-9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Quilter’s Guild in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School. **No Catechetical Class (we will be watching the movie “Martin Luther.” Anyone from the congregation who would also like to see the movie is welcome to join us)**.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.

## **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
Family of 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_