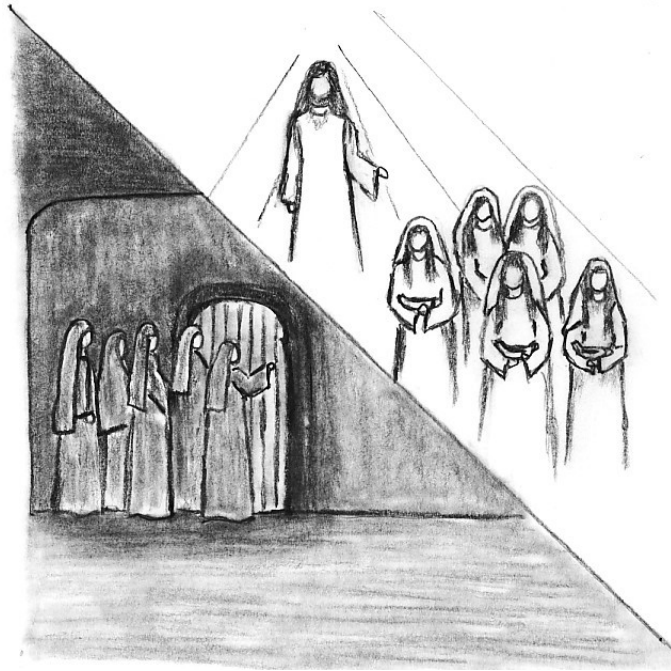


“Growing God’s Kingdom”



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 26th, 2023

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY November 26, 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 AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN “*All Creatures of Our God and King*” #527 Green Hymnal (vss. 1-4)

* 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 (sung responsively)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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 Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will

feed and care for the people.

FIRST READING.....Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 95:1-7a (**responsively**)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung):

Re - joi - ce, the Lord is king! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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

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

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. R**

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

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

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **R**

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

SECOND READING.....Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

* GOSPEL.....Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

Pastor Leister
Pastor Leister

- * HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, Worship the King" #548 Green Hymnal
* NICENE CREED (In Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- * PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- * PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

- * OFFERING PRESENTATION

- * SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C Amen.

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE (**C – sung**)

P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sung) C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

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.

* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

* **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.

P Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

(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.

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* #527 Green Hymnal (vss. 5-7)

* DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith (11/13 – 12/10)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Zeb Berry & Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION & OFFERING PRESENTERS – Julia Martin, Harrison Mummah & Thea Beward

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Christie Yorks

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Chris's birthday by Tammy Brackbill.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Kay Varner and family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Pam Sieber. on November 19, 2023 in Maine. Please keep Kay and her brother John and family in your prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – D. L. Moody, Evangelist (1837 – 1899): The way to be saved is not to delay, but to come and take.

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 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 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.

A VOTER'S ASSEMBLY will be held today following the worship service for ratification of the constitution and by-laws (a two-thirds majority of voting members is required to accept the documents in order for them to pass), approval of the proposed 2024 budget, and reports of the boards.

NOVEMBER'S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will go towards Lutheran Disaster Relief, to help those affected in several states by natural disasters. 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 these disasters. 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 WILL CONTINUE on Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We will be studying the book of Revelation from Augsburg publishers. Anyone is welcome to attend.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES – If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to become a member of Messiah and attend the New Member Class, please let Pastor Sam or the church office know so a class can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION – Please let Pastor Sam or the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

MESSIAH'S PPC has purchased two AED'S (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators) along with upgraded first aid products for the Fellowship Hall and the main worship area. The estimated cost is approximately \$3,000. We are all given the opportunity to contribute to the purchase of these life-saving devices. There is a chart showing envelopes with numbers on them in the Adult Sunday School Room. The number is the amount of a contribution you can make to help with this purchase. Please take an envelope and return it when you come to church.

DECEMBER ADVENT SEASON & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sunday, December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent, followed by a light luncheon (prepared by the Fellowship Committee). Decoration of the church will be held after the service and luncheon. ALL HANDS ON DECK ARE NEEDED!

Sunday, December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent. *Hanging of the Greens* program will be held during the morning worship service. The topic of this year's program will be "*Christmas Greens.*"

Saturday, December 16th: Poinsettias arrive. (LAST DATE TO ORDER IS DECEMBER 12th).

Sunday, December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent. Community Christmas Cantata "*Bethlehem's Child*" at 2:00 p.m. at Messiah.

Sunday, December 24th: Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. The *Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service* begins at 7:00 p.m. featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith. *The Candlelight/Communion Service* will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both the junior and senior choirs.

Official Announcement to the Messiah Lutheran Church Congregation:

- Sunday, September 10, 2023, marks the first official notice that the Parish Planning Council has approved and recommends for adoption the proposed amendments to the Church's Constitution and Bylaws as prepared by Tawny Mummah and Larry Wise. The amended version is based on the Upper Susquehanna Synod's model constitution with some alterations made to accommodate our Messiah Lutheran PPC operating structure. This proposed version has been developed over the past three years in full cooperation with and approval by Bishop Miller of the U.S.S. Copies are available both online and in the Adult Sunday School room. Please direct all questions to either Larry or Tawny.
- A congregational meeting was held on October 15, 2023 with the purpose to adopt the amendments by a majority of those members voting.

- Today, at the annual congregational meeting, ratification vote will be conducted. A two-thirds majority of those members voting is required for this final ratification.

Should the new constitution and bylaws be ratified then on Monday, November 27, 2023, it will be submitted to the Synod and a 120-day waiting period will begin. If the Synod raises no concerns with the ratified constitution and bylaws then it will become effective on March 26, 2024.

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.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at msgoss@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

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| --Laundry Detergent | --Shaving Cream |
| --Clorox | --Shampoo |
| --Dryer Sheets | --Deodorant |
| --Dish Soap | --Body Wash |

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Messiah Women of the ELCA are sponsoring 6 children for the Christmas Angel Project again this year. The sign-up chart for the clothing and non-clothing items that are needed is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by December 3rd, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child’s name and number on the tag.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m. and will be our Christmas program.

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

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS THAT ARE STILL NEEDED

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.), TURKEY BREASTS, WHOLE CHICKENS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.),
 INSTANT POTATOES, BOXED STUFFING, TURKEY GRAVY,
 BOXED BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX,
 OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS.

THE 2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "Bethlehem's Child" by Victor C. Johnson and Lloyd Larson, will be held on Sunday, December 17th at Messiah at 2:00 p.m. Rehearsals are every Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. through December 11th. If you are still interested in joining the cantata, please contact coordinator Bill Angenent at k6nd@k6nd.com or director Andrea Cameron at messiahchoir88@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Christ the King Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Voters Assembly following worship service.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
-7:00 p.m., Cantata Rehearsal in sanctuary.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m. Bible Study.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday:** -First Sunday in Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Lunch in Fellowship Hall following worship service.
-Church decorating following lunch.



PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik	Hannah Hart	Keith Ranck
Jeremy Barnes	Family of Esther Henry	Dave Reed
Ryan Barr	Nox Hepburn	Diane Rowles
Donna Barton	Judy Hosler	Kelley Rusenko
Gary Bechtold	Erin Husler	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Linda Brouse	Terry Imes	Joyce & Todd Spangler
Andrea Cameron	Annie Ingle	Barry Strawser
Terry Coder	Guy Kerstetter	Ken Stuck & family
Rob Davis	Jesse Kint	Vicki Suoja
Fred & Dot Dowling	Carlen McClure	Tonya Tabb
Seth Dowling	Alice McClure	Dorothy Towsey
Kim Dumais	Andi McDanel	Molly Ulsh
Freda Durio	Cecilia Miller	Kay Varner & family
Cathy Dysinger	Curt Miller	Doug Wagner
Renee Dzikowski	Ellwood Miller	Roscoe Warner
Neil & Pat Fisher	Jane Miller	Family of Florence Williams
Kevin Fetterhoof	Larry Miller	Mary Jane Williamson
Bentley Fulkroad	Shirley Miller	Jim & Heidi Woltman
Terri Gayer	Claire Mummah	Gary Zeiders
Deb Geedey	Carole Nace	Paul Zeiders
Bob & Eddi Kay Gill	Donna Parks	George Zimmerman
Sheree Goss	Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks	Linda Zimmerman
Sylva Grimm	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine	
Fred Gross	Betty Ranck	

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

--Jane Marhefka – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059
--Rich Smith – Magnolia Personal Care Center, 68 Lexi St., Mifflintown, PA 17059
--Ray Bramm – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094
--Ruth Cisney – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 112, Thompsontown, PA 17094
--Edith Nipple – 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
--Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044