"Growing God's Kingdom"



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23rd, 2024 **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as¹ they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Messiah Lutheran Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 23, 2024 – 9:15 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.]

* BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God, our provider,
- C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen
- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#467 Green Hymnal

- * GREETING
 - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 - C And also with you.
- * KYRIE

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- * 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 O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

FIRST READINGJob 38:1-11 ¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ²³Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;

in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

- L: Here ends the reading.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- * GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

- * GOSPEL......Mark 4:35-41
 - P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.
 - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON		Pastor Leister
SERMON		Pastor Leister
HYMN OF THE DAY	"For All Your Saints, O Lord"	#176 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 ("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 Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
 - C Amen.

MEAL

- * COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)
 - P Let us give thanks to the Lord.
 - C For through these gifts he comes to feed us.
 - P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.
 - C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.
 - P Let us come to his table with joy,
 - C for we come as God's invited guests!
- * EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
 - P 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.

C Through him, with 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.

(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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

DISTRIBUTION

["At the Chancel Rail" – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in your seat for communion).

- * COMMUNION BLESSING
 - P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 - C Amen.
- * PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 - P Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
 - C Amen.

SENDING

- * BLESSING
 - P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
 - C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)
- * SENDING HYMN "Take My Life, that I May Be" #406 Green Hymnal
- * DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise. NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Haley Mummah & Braedon Walton NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Nick, Sofia & Stella Reed NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (6/17/24 – 6/30/24) NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Barb Geedey

JUNE COLLECTION COUNTERS: 23: Christie Yorks & Don Geedey 30: Larry Goss & Ron 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 worshiping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Steve Bahorik, who passed away on Monday, June 17, 2024 at his home. Please keep Linda, Jim and Brenda and Betsy and Kerry Aumiller and family in your thoughts and prayers.

WE ALSO EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Glenn and Mary Grimm and family on the passing of Glenn's mother, Sylva Grimm, on June 16, 2024 in Latrobe PA. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – Johannes von Muller, Swiss Historian (1752 – 1809): Good has one enemy, the evil; but the evil has two enemies, the good and itself.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY</u> <u>NOON.</u>

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at <u>mlcsleister@gmail.com</u>.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>. If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the 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 <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u> for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at <u>mlcsleister@gmail.com</u>.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

JUNE IS MESSIAH'S MONTH TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD PANTRY – Volunteers will be needed every Saturday in June (1, 8, 15, 22 & 29) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon to stock shelves, fill grocery orders and count donations. A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchenette. Please write your name and phone number next to the date and time you want to volunteer. We can use up to 4 volunteers each Saturday including teenagers who

would be willing to help. <u>Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. for training and updates</u>. <u>Parking is at the rear of the</u> <u>building in the staff/volunteer lot</u>. If you cannot come during your scheduled time, please call Glenda Fultz at the Food Pantry at 717-436-9718 at least a day ahead of time. Your help is very much appreciated!

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.

JUNE'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for Juniata County Meals-on Wheels. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Meals-on-Wheels to continue assisting in the effort to feed the shut-ins of our community. 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.

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July 2024 through June 2025 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

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

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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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

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.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Baby Kits:

- --white tee-shirts, sizes 6-24 months (no onesies). Hobby Lobby has these.
- --pajamas, sleepers, or tops and pants that could be used as pajamas, sizes 6-24 months (no feet in any of these items).
- --hand towels, sizes 15x18, 15x25 or 15x30 (preferably darker colors).

SAVE THE DATE – All women of Messiah are invited to attend the 36th annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod on <u>August 10, 2024</u> at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville, PA. Convention theme is "Don't Go it Alone....Follow Jesus." We will be electing a Treasurer and Secretary as well as 2 board members. Rev. Mindy Bartholomew will lead the worship service and Bible Study and Josie Miller will be leading the second workshop with chair yoga. A freewill offering will be received during the worship service on Saturday morning. It will be used to support the on-going ministries of the Women of the ELCA. This year our Mission Ingathering will support Lutheran Immigration Services and our In-Kind Offering will be collecting non-perishable food items for Agape Ministries in Bloomsburg. Please contact Barb Geedey for a registration form.

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 JUNE:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, CLEANING SUPPLIES, & PAPER PRODUCTS SUMMER BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM: SINGLE-SERVE MEALS, JELL-O CUPS, & NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

THANK YOU to our friends at Messiah Lutheran Church for your generous and continuing support of the Summer Backpack Program at the Juniata County Food Pantry. Having your kind assistance during our 12th year is a blessing! We have completed an extremely busy start, having already registered 62 students. We are very grateful for your donation of various soups and pudding cups and applesauce cups. We appreciate your concern for our young friends in need throughout the summer months.

With sincere gratitude, Pat Brown, Treasurer & Summer Backpack Program Coordinator

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

-Voter's Assembly following worship service to elect officers and board members for PPC.

Monday: -7:00 p.m. AA in Youth Area.

Tuesday: -10:30 a.m., Bible Study (final Bible Study until September).

Wednesday: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

Friday: -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.

Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/Service of Healing.

PRAYER LIST

Joedy Arnold Linda Bahorik Family of Steve Bahorik Jeremy Barnes Ryan Barr Donna Barton Tony Beward Bill Book Linda Brouse Jim Burdge Andrea Cameron Evitt Campbell Terry Coder Kenton Cohenour Heather Compton Fred & Dot Dowling Seth Dowling Kim Dumais Freda Durio Cathy Dysinger Renee Dzikowski Rev. Jodi Ellis Neil & Pat Fisher Kevin Fetterhoof Bentley Fulkroad Terri Gayer Deb Geedey

Family of Bob Gill Eddi Kay Gill Sheree Goss Family of Sylva Grimm Fred Gross Hannah Hart Bill & Jan Heck John (Pat) Henry Ken Henry Nox Hepburn Judy Hosler Nancy Howell Erin Husler Terry Imes Annie Ingle Guy Kerstetter Jesse Kint Carlen McClure Alice McClure Andi McDanel Cecilia Miller Curt Miller Larry Miller Shirley Miller Claire Mummah Donna Parks Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine Betty Ranck Keith Ranck Dave Reed Diane Rowles Kelley Rusenko Arlene Shearer Joyce & Todd Spangler Donna Stoner Barry Strawser Family of Jim Switzer Vicki Suoja Tonya Tabb Molly Ulsh George Varner Kristy Wagner Heather Walton Roscoe Warner Mary Jane Williamson Hannah Wirt Jim & Heidi Woltman Gary Zeiders Paul Zeiders Mike Zendt George Zimmerman Jean Zimmerman Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

-Jane Marhefka – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Room 221, 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
-Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044

WORSHIP SURVEY

If you have not received an email survey from Bob St. Clair and the Board of Worship & Music, or do not have access to email, or you just didn't reply to the survey, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the following one-question survey.

Pastor Sam Leister has brought before our Worship & Music Committee a proposal to possibly change our worship times to one of the three options listed below. We would like YOU to tell us, if you had to choose, which ONE of the options below that would suit you. THIS IS FOR ALL MESSIAH MEMBERS AND WILL BE OPEN UNTIL <u>MONDAY</u>, JULY 1st. Surveys can be placed in the offering plates or handed directly to Bob St. Clair. THANK YOU!!

NAME(s)___

____OPTION 1 – Stay with our current schedule of 9:15 a.m. for summer (June-July-August) and 10:30 a.m. for the remainder of the year (September through May).

____OPTION 2 - 10:00 a.m. services for the entire year.

____OPTION 3 – 10:30 a.m. services for the entire year.