

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 23rd, 2025



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*Teach God's Grace through Fellowship,
Study, Service & Witness*

TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: *Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.*

Messiah Lutheran Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 – 10:00 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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* #526 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE (C- sung)

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.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE (“Lord God, Heavenly King” – In Unison)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

* 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 Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

FIRST READING.....Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (responsively)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

* GOSPEL.....Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

SERMON

Andrea Cameron

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Andrea Cameron

* HYMN OF THE DAY *"Break Now the Bread of Life"* #235 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 God of grace,

C **hear 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 grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C **Amen.**

MEAL

* COMMUNION DIALOG

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 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen, Come, Lord 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.

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 The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

* **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 Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

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

* SENDING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#315 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Olivia Mummah

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Hannah & Carter Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK’S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Ella Harris, Braedon Walton & Olivia Mummah

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner (2/17/25 – 3/9/25)

NEXT WEEK’S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Tammy Brackbill

FEBRUARY OFFERING COUNTERS:

Today: Cynthia Smith & Larry Goss

MARCH OFFERING COUNTERS:

2: Ron & Christie Yorks

9: Clint Miller & Nick Beward

16: Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry

23: Tammy Brackbill & Mary Grimm

30: Don & 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of all February birthdays by Tammy Brackbill

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Andrea Cameron an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations.

JUST A THOUGHT – Steve Kamer, Announcer for the TV program, “Inside Edition:” For without the resurrection there will not be a Christianity.

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.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL SERVICES while Pastor Sam is recuperating from surgery, please contact Pastor Rick Adams. He may be reached through his cell number at 717-253-0235.

FEBRUARY’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will go to Lutheran Disaster Response for the victims of the California Wildfires. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid victims of the wildfires. 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.

SUMMER CAMP 2025

Kate Swales will be serving as our congregation’s camperson for Camp Mount Luther again this year. This year’s summer camp season will begin on June 15th and will run until August 4th. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you’re looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. If you have any questions about camp, you can contact Kate or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. The camp brochures are

available on the Camp Mount Luther site <https://www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Camp-Brochure.pdf> and camp brochures will be mailed to campers who attended camp in the past. Brochures and schedules are also available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Submit your camp registration online at **Camp Mount Luther Summer Camp Registration** and provide the \$50 payment to Kate Swailes or church treasurer Jen Hutchinson. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc.

A TASTE OF CAMP: Hungry for camp but can't wait until the summer? Always wanted to try camp but not sure you'll like it? Camp Mount Luther has an event for you! Today from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., you can get a taste of camp! Camp Mount Luther is a special place where kids and families come together to grow with God and serve with smiles! Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God's love, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit. Enjoy songs, food, games, a campfire program, information on the 2025 program, and more! Those who attend will get Camel Bucks to spend in the camp store this summer. Campers from synod congregations who attend this event will get Camel Bucks for all their congregations Summer 2025 campers.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUNDAY & TEMPLE TALK: The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as "Mount Luther Sunday" to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on March 2, 2025. However at Messiah we are celebrating on **Sunday, Marth 9th** as Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of Camp Mount Luther and Director of Communications for the Upper Susquehanna Synod, will be visiting us. Chad will be speaking during the morning worship service about summer plans for Camp Mount Luther as well as progress on the new bathhouse and projected completion. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers.

REMINDER: Please have all information to be placed in the newsletter to Bob at stclairb@embarqmail.com or the church office at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com by the deadlines which are listed monthly in the newsletter.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ARE NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2025 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Leister or the church office.

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

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:

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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.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cindy Van Gavree will provide devotions.

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 FEBRUARY

CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES,
OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES,
TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, DISH DETERGENT,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT AND ANY CLEAN ITEMS.
WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH
AND GIFT CARDS TO PURCHASE THESE SUPPLIES.

2025 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFASTS will be held on Saturday mornings during lent at 7:00 a.m. at Port Royal Community Building. Locations and speakers will be:

March 8	Rev. Charles McKee	Mexico Full Gospel Church
March 15	Rev. William McNeal	Brown's Global Methodist Church
March 22	Rev. Chad Weaver	Lost Creek Mennonite Church
March 29	Rev. Caleb Burd	South Baptist Church
April 5	Rev. Nathaniel Mowery	Oakland Mills Methodist Church
April 12	Rev. Frank Swartz	New Beginning Community Church
April 19	Rev. Ron Shupe	River Church

2025 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 5 Messiah Lutheran Church Devotions by Cynthia Smith
(rest of schedule will be in bulletin when it is received)

2025 WEST JUNIATA COUNTY MINISTERIUM LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 5 – **7:00 p.m.**.....St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Hymn Source: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" – **Speaker:** Dist. Sup. Leigy

Wednesday, March 12 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Aldersgate Methodist Church

Hymn Source: "Lamb of God" – **Speaker:** Pastor Rick Adams

Wednesday, March 19 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church

Hymn Source: "What Wondrous Love Is This" – **Speaker:** Pastor Mindy Petrovcic

Wednesday, March 26 – **7:00 p.m.**.....St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Hymn Source: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" – **Speaker:** Pastor Sam Leister

Wednesday, April 2 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Westminster Presbyterian Church
Hymn Source: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” – **Speaker:** Pastor Crystal Baumgardner

Wednesday, April 9 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church
Hymn Source: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – **Speaker:** Pastor Nancy McClure

Wednesday, April 16 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Grace Methodist Church (Mexico)
Hymn Source: “In the Hour of Trial” – **Speaker:** Pastor Sam Leister

Maundy Thursday Breakfast, April 17 – **7:00 a.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church
Speaker: Pastor Sam Leister

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Trinity Methodist Church (Mifflin)
Hymn Source: TBA – **Speaker:** Bishop Craig Miller

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 18 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church
Hymn Source: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” – **Speaker:** Pastor Rick Adams

UPCOMING YOUTH FUNDRAISER – The next fundraiser which will benefit Messiah/St. Stephen’s Youth Mission Trips will be on Wednesday, February 26th at Tyson Hill OIP. To help our groups, either cut out the ticket below and take it with you to the OIP or take a picture of it with your phone and present it with your bill.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-Board of Worship & Music in Library following worship service.
-2:00 to 4:00 p.m., “Taste of Camp” at Camp Mount Luther.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m. AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:** -**Newsletter Deadline.**
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary.
- Sunday:** -10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion.

PRAYER LIST

Pastor Sam
Joedy Arnold
Linda Bahorik
Melissa Bargo
Jeremy Barnes
Ryan Barr
Donna Barton
Bill Book
Linda Brouse
Jim Burdge
Andrea Cameron
Evitt Campbell
Kenton Cohenour
Kim Dumais
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
Kevin Fetterhoof
Neil & Pat Fisher
Bentley Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey
Sheree Goss
Amanda Gregg
Fred Gross

Mark Harvey
Bill Heck
John (Pat) Henry
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- Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044