

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SERVICE OF HEALING

March 30th, 2025



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Study, Service & Witness*

TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: *The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT SERVICE OF HEALING March 30, 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

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

L Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

L Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* #315 Green Hymnal

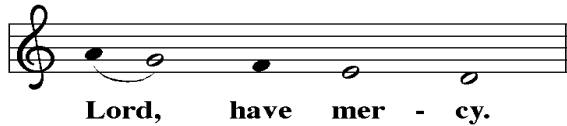
* GREETING

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

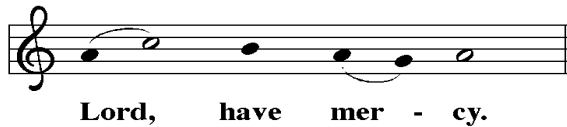
C And also with you.

* KYRIE (Congregation sings responses)

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



L 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.



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



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



* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

L Let us pray...

C God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

FIRST READING.....Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:.....Psalm 32 (*responsively*)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

SECOND READING.....2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: 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 tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

* GOSPEL.....Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and

there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

#557 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

L God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

THE RITE OF HEALING

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

P Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands as a commitment to God's power to heal may come down the center aisle in two lines to the right and left of the altar. This may include those in need of physical, emotional, or mental healing. It may include those in need of reconciliation in their relationship to God or neighbor. It may include those who wish to commit their ministry of healing into the hands of God: as a doctor, nurse or health care worker.

P Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. We give you thanks for this oil, for the fruit of the trees, nurtured in the warmth of the sun, watered from the rain of the heavens, the olives harvested, and oil pressed from the fruit of the trees. With oil, you anointed your chosen people Israel, and fed them with choice flour, oil, and honey. You anointed Aaron and made oil a sign of blessing for your chosen ones. You promised to anoint with oil those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death. You have anointed your own Son with the oil of gladness. The Good Samaritan tended a stranger, bound up his wounds, and poured oil on them. You gave the disciples power to heal, to cure, and to anoint with oil many who were sick. Your own body was anointed for burial by the woman who poured expensive ointment on his feet and wiped them with her hair. The virgins met the bridegroom and trimmed their oil lamps to burn brightly for the celebration, the feast to come.

(Those who wish to come forward to receive anointing with oil and the laying on of hands may do so now):

P I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.

C Amen.

P I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (for all)

P The almighty Lord a stronger tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in

our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

* PEACE

L 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 Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

* 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 Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING CHIMES

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Julia Martin

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Grace Miller & Paige Martin

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Silas Smith, Olivia Mummah & Thea Beward

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward (3-10-25 – 4-6-25)

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Jamie Miller

COLLECTION COUNTERS FOR MARCH:

Today: Don & Barb Geedey

COLLECTION COUNTERS FOR APRIL:

6: Cynthia Smith & Larry Goss

13: Ron & Christie Yorks

20: Slone Smith & Nick Beward

27: Clint Miller & Nick Beward

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 – 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.

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.

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.

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.

APRIL’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for the Juniata County Food Pantry. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Food Pantry to continue assisting families in need. 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 Swailes 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Music Sunday on April 27th at Messiah during the 10:00 a.m. worship service when Jeremy Goodling will be performing our special music for that Sunday.

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, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cynthia Smith will have the devotions.

THE DAY OF LEARNING will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Church Selinsgrove. The cost to attend is \$25.00 and the deadline to register is April 1. Contact Barb Geedey if you would like to attend.

WELCA CONVENTION will be held on Saturday, July 26th at Faith Lutheran Church in Lewisburg. The theme will be “For All the Faithful Women.” The in-gathering will go to LDR. The in-kind collection will be items for “period packs” which contain: super absorbing tampons or packs of 12 pads that are unscented (long, super or ultra-thin). We are hoping to be able to complete 200 kits at the convention. We will be collecting from now until the convention in July. If you are able to purchase either of these items, you can place them on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you would like to donate money to purchase these items, you may give your donation to Barb, Cynthia, Linda, Christie or Cindy. Anyone who is interested in attending the Convention, please contact Barb for a copy of the registration form. The cost will be \$40 which covers refreshments upon arrival, lunch and any item needed for the 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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS,
SHAMPOO, DEODORANT,
CLEANING SUPPLIES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP,
ALL PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, & PAPER TOWELS.
DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

LENTEN FISH DINNERS, sponsored by St. Jude Knights of Columbus, will be held every Friday beginning March 7th until April 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church. Cost: adults \$15.00, kids (6 to 12 years old) \$6.00, kids 5 and under FREE.

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:

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| 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 will be held each Wednesday during Lent. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

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| April 2 | St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church | April 9 | Aldersgate Methodist Church |
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2025 WEST JUNIATA COUNTY MINISTERIUM LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(All services at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church)

Monday, April 14.....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15.....	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16.....	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 17.....	10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 18.....	3:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Fourth Sunday of Lent.
-10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion/Healing Service.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m. AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:** -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Wednesday:** -The "Needlers" will not be meeting at their regular time during Lent, but anyone who would like to continue to work on projects may do so any time during the week.
-9:30 a.m., Women's Lenten Tea at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.
-7:00 p.m., Community Lenten Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- Saturday:** -7:00 a.m., Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast at Port Royal Community Building.
- Sunday:** -Fifth Sunday of Lent.
-10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion.

PRAYER LIST

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

Bill Heck
John (Pat) Henry
Sawyer Henry
Nox Hepburn
Nancy Howell
Annie Ingle
Guy Kerstetter
Jesse Kint
Nancy Kramer
Don Lyter
Cecilia Miller
Curt Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Marlin Milliken
Claire Mummah
CPT Myers
Carole Nace
Linda (Kerchner) Parks
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Cheryl Pinkerton
Donna Pontius
SSG Rabbitz
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck

Dave Reed
Jan Reisinger
Jeff & Lisa Rosenberry
Diane Rowles
Greysley Rowles
Kelley Rusenko
Arlene Shearer
Lowell Shearer
Gail Sherman
Althea Smith
Jennifer Smith
Judy Smith
Joyce & Todd Spangler
Barry Strawser
Vicki Suoja
Amy Swartz
Molly Ulsh
George Varner
Roscoe Warner
Kathy Whitesel
Jim & Heidi Woltman
Tirzah Yeshulas
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerma

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

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025 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 **Sunday, April 13, 2025** PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM.

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

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

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

I would like to order the following:

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____