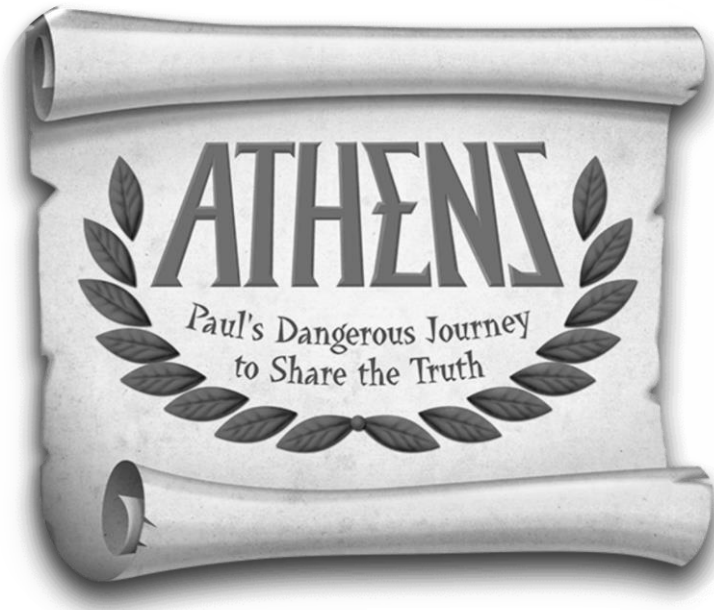


# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST* *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM*

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11, 2019 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Those we want to remember in prayer today—please refer to “Prayers of the People.”

### PREPARATION

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

#### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

\* GATHERING HYMN “Praise Him, All Ye Little Children” (pg. 13 in bulletin)

\* 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.**

## **APPRECIATION FOR & RECOGNITION OF VBS CREW**

### **VARIOUS THEMES & MUSIC FROM ATHENS –**

#### ***PAUL’S DANGEROUS JOURNEY TO SHARE THE TRUTH***

\* APOSTLES’ CREED

**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 THE PEOPLE

P Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

A brief silence.

P Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes, food for

those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to the sick. Today we pray especially for our shut-ins, the sick, and those who may be grieving who are in our hearts and minds listed here: Kitty Walters, Jane Marhefka, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, John Miller, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Butch & Sandy Pines, Joyce Bradley, Minnie Minick, Austin Parker, Terry Coder, Rich Walters, Mary Sanders, Jane Ann Baney, Donna Barton, Carolina Rubio, Josh Hohol, Noel Peachey, Shirley Miller, Elienai Ramirez, Larry Miller, Ed Fraker, Dorothy Towsey, Tami Metz, Dottie Wilson, Sieber Stoner, Carol Lyter, Kay Stuck, Jasmine Vazquez, Jim Minick, Bob Bell, Curt & Judy Houtz, Linda Zimmerman, Edith Nipple, Will Delancey, Fred Dowling, Eddi Kay Gill, Mike Maugans, Deanna Fawver, Matt Hutchinson, Dorothy Zeiders, Betty Ranck, Kevin Kint, Mary Ernest, Mackenzie Shearer and family, Sandy Wert, Carlen McClure, Gloria Arnold, Lindsey Barton, Denny King, Pastor Charles Hershberger, Carole Baker, Angelica Hannon & family, family of Joe Gresham, and Ona Stoner. Be their help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bless and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children, those in the adoption process, and children longing for parents. Welcome in love those who seek homes in a new community or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to the needs of our newest neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Keep in your care the faithful loved ones who have died in Christ (especially Clare, abbess of San Damiano), until we join them in the everlasting city, whose architect and builder is God. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

\* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

Congregational sharing: **“Peace be with you.”**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“Lord, Have Mercy”

E. Broughton

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

\* 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 Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] (all)

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION:

“I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone”

J. Pachelbel

[“Intinction” – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

[Gluten Free? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel].

\* 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 Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

SENDING

\* BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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

\* SENDING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

(pg. 15 in bulletin)

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Andrea Cameron

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (7/29/19—8/25/19)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Julia Martin & Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Zeb Berry & Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Sam Leister

### **WELCOME TO ALL!**

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit not only in the Friendship Pads but also in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the pastor.**

GLUTEN FREE? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the green portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the Narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of William C. Nipple by Edith Nipple and family.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Sam Leister 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. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is committed to ordained ministry as the primary means for filling the needs of this church for Word and Sacrament, but at this place in the church's pilgrimage, the church's inability to provide all congregations with full-time ordained pastoral ministry presents a challenge. On any given Sunday, congregations have needs that cannot be met by available ordained ministers. Therefore, because it is the bishop's responsibility to meet the Word and Sacrament needs of the

congregations in this synod, synodically authorized lay worship leaders are trained to meet this need. On behalf of the whole church, Bishop Collins is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

JUST A THOUGHT – Oswald Chambers, early twentieth century Scottish Christian minister and teacher (1874 – 1917): When Jesus Christ shed his blood on the cross, it was not the blood of one man for another; it was the life of God poured out to redeem the world.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com). If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Sam Leister at [sleister@gmail.com](mailto:sleister@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](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

COPIES OF JUNE 2, 2019 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER has a need for small bookshelves and night stands for the counselors to use when staying in each of the cabins. Please contact Kate Swailes at 717-649-0820 if you are able to donate one of these items.

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.

TRAINING FOR NEW ACOLYTES AND USHERS will be held in August for children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up to begin serving after September 1. Volunteers may notify Sam Leister at 717-436-8589.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – Please let 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.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASS – 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 the church office know so a class can be scheduled.

A REMINDER that the summer worship services will continue through Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, with worship beginning at 9:15 a.m. Regular worship service, with service time at 10:30 a.m. will return on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209.



WEEKLY 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.

GIVING REPORT FOR AUGUST 4, 2019

Attendance

Worship Service – 42

Total Offering      \$2,031.00

Other Funds      \$ 450.00

General Fund      \$1,581.00

Other Funds

Benevolence -      \$      40.00

Building Fund -      \$      210.00

Other -Donation for

use of building -      \$      200.00

Total      \$      450.00

MESSIAH’S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WELCA IS COLLECTING items for the Seafarers’ Kits. Anyone who would like to contribute can bring items to the church and place them in the container provided for them. The items needed are: one sweatshirt (hooded or unhooded in sizes L-XL), 3 pairs of socks (thermal or white gym socks), one casual pull-over T-shirt in sizes M-L, and one heavy winter cap. The Seafarers enjoy sports teams and NASCAR heroes.

COLLECTION for Fabric Kits includes: 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO KNITS OR 100% POLYESTER). Each piece of fabric is to be 2¼ yards of 58”—62” wide fabric, or 3 yards of 42”—45” wide fabric, or 4 yards of 34”—37” wide fabric, and 2 spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST

DISH SOAP, CLEANING SUPPLIES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BABY WIPES, BABY PRODUCTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, (ESPECIALLY SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS), AND SISSORS. DONATIONS OF CHECKS/CASH AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

**Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship & Communion, Vacation Bible School Program in Fellowship Hall.  
(Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).  
-Congregational Picnic following worship service.

**Monday:** -8:00 p.m., AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.

**Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).