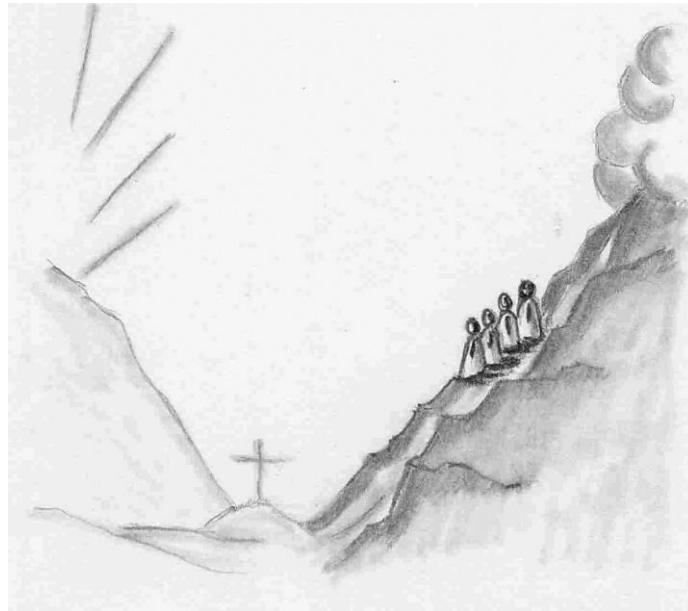


“Growing God’s Kingdom”



Transfiguration of our Lord

February 23rd, 2020

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 23, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION - CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Praising The Almighty”

E. Broughton

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C Amen.

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God who searches us and knows us,

C you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” #265 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit 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.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (**In Unison**)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (**In Unison**)

P Let us pray...

C O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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.**

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

*** GOSPEL.....Matthew 17:1-9**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Vicar Leister

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Beautiful Savior"

#518 Green Hymnal

*** NICENE CREED (In Unison)**

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

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

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

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

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

* **PRAYERS OF THE INTERCESSION (Read by the Worship Leader)**

P Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

* **SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Ever Faithful, Ever Near"

F. Ritter

[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].

ANTHEM: "In Remembrance"

Ragan Courtney/Buryl Red

* **SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')**

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

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

P God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

C **Amen.**

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

* PREFACE

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

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

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

Remembering His salutary precept, and all that He endured for us: His Passion and Death, His Resurrection and Ascension, His Session on the Right Hand, and His Glorious Coming Again, we give thanks to You, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we offer to You, according to His Institution, these Your Gifts of Bread and Wine, giving thanks to You through Him, that You have deemed us worthy to stand before You at this Your table.

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.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

Grant us life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

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.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

* 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: "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled"

D. Paxton

["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 set using the left or right SIDE aisle].

[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.

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

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

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#526 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines and Michelle Stoner (2/24/20 to 3/29/20)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Paige Martin & Brennan Guido

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Harrison Mummah, Hope Miller, Olivia Mummah & Sienna Guido

PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker
Jane Ann Baney
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Bob Bell
Nick Beward
Joyce Bradley
Andrea & Bob Cameron
Pam Campbell
Terry Coder
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Esther & Richard Dunkelberger
Bobbi Ellis
Family of Mary Ernest
Neil Fisher
Deb Flint
Jerald Foltz
Ed Fraker

Bill & Christie Holderman
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Eddi Kay Gill
Jeanette Gross
Josh Hohol
Matt Hutchinson
Curt & Judy Houtz
Denny King
Curt Kint
Kevin Kint
Malin Kint
Pam Lawson
Carol Lyter
Carlen McClure
Messiah's Teem
Tami Metz
John Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller

Dave Phelan
Jim Minick
Madison Norman
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Butch & Sandy Pines
Betty Ranck
Mary Sanders
Mackenzie Shearer
Tim Smith
Mike Sparks
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Tim Weston
Dottie Wilson
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
Family of Shirley Yorks
Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm
Ruth Cisney
Margaret Guss
Gail Henderson
Minnie Minick
Sieber & Ona Stoner

Mona Lawson
Jane Marhefka
Carol Simonton
Edith Nipple
Ken & Kay Stuck

Kitty Walters
Jim Yetter
Max Ernest
Velma Suloff

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 Vicar 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 Vicar.**

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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Ron Yorks and family on the passing of his mother, Shirley Yorks on February 16, 2020 at Locust Grove Retirement Village. Please keep Ron and family in your prayers. Sympathy is also extended to Max Ernest and daughter Eleanor and family on the passing of their wife and mother, Mary Ernest on February 19, 2020 at Brookline Manor. Please also keep Max and Eleanor and family in your prayers.

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

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping 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.

JUST A THOUGHT – John Calvin, French Reformer and Father of the Presbyterian Church (1509 – 1564): The world invents its own good works and persuades itself that they are good.

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. 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 Vicar Leister at 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 for any changes or requests.

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

CHURCH ORGANIST – Due to the “retirement” of June Bricker, Messiah will again have an opening for a Church Organist for weekly services starting in mid-April, which includes Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, except during the summer months. The organ is an Allen Digital Electric Organ and upright piano. Candidates should contact Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com for more information, including salary. This is currently a half-time position. Additional information about our church and congregation can be found at www.mlciffintown.org.

UPCOMING CHURCH BAND REHEARSALS:

- Today – right after worship service
- Sunday, March 22 – right after worship service
- Sunday, March 29 – right after worship service

SUNDAY'S SOLDIERS – There will be no meeting in March for Sunday's Soldiers. In April, the youth who are able to participate will assist with the Maundy Thursday breakfast and service on Thursday, April 9th. In May, we will meet on Saturday, May 9th to make cupcakes for Moms. Thanks for your support!

THE FEBRUARY SNACK SHEET is now posted in the Kitchenette. There will be NO SNACKS during Lent. Snacks will return on Easter Sunday, April 12. We are asking for 3 people to sign-up for Easter Sunday to make this day extra special (and also because a lot of people attend church on Easter). Snacks will then continue until the end of May.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Among this year's speakers and guests will be **The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

THIS YEAR'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in McAlisterville. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion and Bishop Collins of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be delivering the message for the evening. Please plan to attend as we begin our journey through Lent.

PORT ROYAL MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS will be held at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building. Speakers are:

- February 29th Ken Kitzmiller, retired Pastor
- March 7th Rev. Dale Graybill, Assistant Pastor at River Church
- March 14th Rev. Don Hemikson, Thompsontown Baptist
- March 21st Al Ream, Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church
- March 28th Rev. Jeffrey Henry, Lighthouse Community Church
- April 4th George Zimmerman, retired Pastor
- April 11th Rev. Terry Brosius, Port Royal Methodist Church

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Licking Creek each Wednesday from March 4 to April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY BREAKFAST – Messiah will be having a Maundy Thursday breakfast and Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Holy Communion, the meal of Jesus, will be celebrated in, with, and among the meal of the people. Following the meal, those who can remain will move to the sanctuary to remove all items from the altar including the cross in preparation for Good Friday which marks Christ's crucifixion. More information will be shared as this event comes closer.

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.

COPIES OF JANUARY 19, 2020 PPC MINUTES and November 24, 2019 Voters' Assembly Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

KATE SWAILES is serving as our congregation's camp person with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Since our congregation has a camp person, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who have attended camp at Mount Luther in the past, will soon be receiving the camp brochures in the mail. For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit www.campmountluther.org. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 15th so that we receive the early registration discount. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. On March 15th, Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of Camp Mount Luther, will be at our church to share information about this year's programs as part of our Children's Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and substitute teachers will be needed for the fall in the youth department. If you are interested, please contact Linda Clark at Church or by calling 717-348-8262.

RECYCLING – The person who has done the recycling for Messiah for many years has asked if someone else would like to take over this project. If no one volunteers, each person who brings something to the church that needs to be recycled will be asked to take the item(s) back home to recycle it (such as cans, plastic and cardboard). If you are interested in doing this project, please call the church office at 717-436-6213.

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.

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

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.

THANK YOU – "We would like to express our sincere thanks to Vicar Sam and Linda Leister for their overwhelming kindness to us over the past year."

Neil and Pat Fisher

UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

Sunday, March 15th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, April 19th (after worship) – Voter's Assembly.

Sunday, May 17th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, June 21st (after worship) – Voter's Assembly for PPC Election approval.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020

<u>Attendance</u>	
Worship Service – 65	
Sunday School – 23	
Total Offering	\$3,263.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 713.00</u>
General Fund	\$2,550.00

<u>Other Funds</u>	
Benevolence	\$ 75.00
Building Fund	\$ 360.00
Sunday School	\$ 31.00
Summer Camp	\$ 50.00
Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 197.00</u>
Total	\$ 713.00

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.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Transfiguration Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.
-Messiah Church Band rehearsal in Jr. Church Room following worship service.
-Mardi Gras Congregational Meal in Fellowship Hall following worship service.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, McAlisterville.
- Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Sunday:** -First Sunday in Lent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon/Junior Church.