

# LECTIONARY 29

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# Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

#### WF'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

# Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

#### AFD Available Downstairs

In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

# Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs—please wipe down toys used.

# Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

# Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman

Greeter/s: The Erdleys Lector: Nancy Morgan

Acolytes: JR Erdley and Nancy Morgan

Cantor/s: JR Erdley
Music Dir: Frank Shue

Video Operator: Philip Heggenstaller
Communion Set Up: Kathleen Ferster
Communion Baker: Kathleen Ferster

Altar Flowers: Ken and Emily Moyer

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<sup>\*</sup> indicates to stand as you are able

# Ф GATHERING Ф

#### WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### \*Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

#### Amen.

IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDF YOU

#### \*GREETING

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

And also with you.



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

#### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex alt ed thus!"
- 3 Je sus is wor-thy to re-ceive hon-or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor-thy the Lamb," our lips re-ply, "for he was slain for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up-on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

#### FIRST READING

GENESIS 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup> The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female slaves, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked the man, "Please tell me your name." But the man said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there the man blessed Jacob. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, Word of Life **Thanks be to God.** 

RESPONSE PSALM 121

#### Refrain (sung twice at the beginning and once at the end)



#### Psalm Tone



- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup> to the hills; from where is my <sup>1</sup> help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes | from the LORD, the maker of heav-| en and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your <sup>1</sup> foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you <sup>1</sup> fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, the keep- | er of Israel will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- 5 the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> the sun will not strike | you by day, nor the | moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you <sup>1</sup> from all evil and will <sup>1</sup> keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your going out and your <sup>1</sup> coming in, from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore. R

(Repeat Refrain)

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of Christ's appearing and his dominion, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Say - ior: o - pen now your say-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

\*GOSPEL LUKE 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup> For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to God's own elect who are crying out day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son-of-Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children make their way up to the front when called

HOMILY
\*HYMN OF THE DAY

Beverly Hoffman

# 742

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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 and 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 to 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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

#### A brief silence

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

#### \*PEACE

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

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#### **OFFFRING**

An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator. You may give electronically at http://newberlinlutherans.com/give.

\*Offertory # 186

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

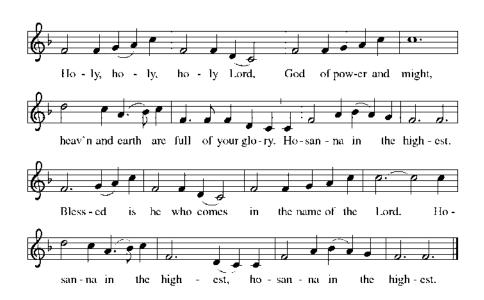
#### Amen.

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

#### Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

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

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

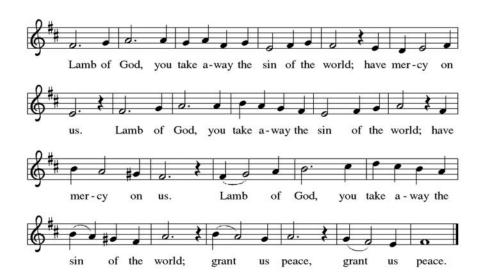
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

#### \*COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle. At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice.



#### **COMMUNION SONGS**

HOW GREAT THOU ART # 856

LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS # 717

#### \*Prayer After Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Ф SENDING Ф

#### \*BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### \*SENDING SONG

DAY BY DAY

# 790

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. Thanks be to God.

We hear "Day by Day" as we go forth to

LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD

All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.

The flowers on the altar were placed to the glory of God by Ken and Emily Moyer In memory of Yvonne Underhill

# Fellowship After The Service

Join us for fellowship every Sunday after the Worship Service. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the Women's Outreach Committee

Oct. 26 Ronald and Frances Blatchley
Nov. 2 It Could Be You!
Nov. 9 Bill and Pat Frank
Nov. 16 Clyde and Diane Walter



#### Christmas-at-Sea Gift Sacks for Seafarers

Today is the last day to contribute to the Christmas at Sea Gift Sacks for Seafarers who come into the New York harbor at Christmas time.

A few weeks ago, I spoke with Pastor Lowell who is now working directly with this ministry. He told me that he has spoken to many of these men and they are all so appreciative of the gifts. This really does bring a little Christmas cheer to those who are not able to be with loved ones on Christmas.

Cash donations may be given directly to Linda & Steve Resseguie. Checks may be written to W.E.L.C.A. and given to Kathleen Ferster. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

# And speaking of Christmas....

Christmas stockings are available for all those who wish to support our Liberian Missionary. Just pick up a stocking and submit it with your donation.

A word from your church secretary....

# I will be on vacation October 13-October 21.

Also, I am no longer able to hear voice messages left on the office phone. If you need to get a message to me, please text or leave a message on my cell phone at 916 799-7403. After I return from vacation, I will look further into why our system has stopped working.

# Making Giving Easy

If you are a Thrivent Member and have never applied (or haven't done so in a long while) for a Thrivent Card to benefit one of our many outreach programs, please consider doing so. This is a great way to support our outreach ministry at NO COST to you! It is one of your benefits! Either Kay Trick or Kathleen Ferster are more than happy to help you apply for a card of up to \$250 in value!



# **Urgent Prayer Chain**

We would like to update our Urgent Prayer Chain. There are 3 ways you may choose to receive notification:

- 1. Phone Call (Diane Walter, 570-428-3681),
- 2.Email (Fran Blatchley, fblatchley@yahoo.com) and/or
- 3.Text Message (Kay Trick, 570-847-4500)

If you are not currently on the Urgent Prayer Chain and wish to be, please reach out to Diane, Fran or Kay and tell them how you would like to receive urgent prayer requests. If you are on the chain and wish to make a change, please contact the individuals listed to do so. We would also like to support Diane, Fran and Kay by having a backup person for each of them. Might this be a way for your hands to do God's work? If so, please reach out to Diane, Fran or Kay and let them know you are willing to cover for them in the event they are not available to send out notifications. If you or someone you know is in need of immediate prayer, you may contact any one of these individuals. They will see that all are notified.

Have you missed our missing XYZ luncheons?

Good news! XYZ luncheons will resume

October 29 @ 11:30

@ Perkins, Lewisburg



#### October Donation Drive

Messiah Lutheran will be participating in a Donation Drive the whole month of October! Partnering with Community Aid through an intentional donation drive has a lot of benefits. The more we donate, the higher our ranking as a partner. A higher partnership ranking gives us greater access to grant money. All you have to do is bring your clean and gently used items to any Community Aid store in PA. and give them our partnership number when you drop off your items. Pick up a laminated card for your wallet so you never forget our partnership number. You will find these laminated cards at the church and fellowship entry ways. Put our number on each donated box or bag. This further ensures we are credited with the donation. Tell your friends and give them their own laminated card with our partnership number.

# Food Pantry

#### Monetary Donations are always needed and welcomed!

Please remember to make your donations through Messiah so we can track our giving as a congregation. Our treasurer, Deb Boyer, will send a check to the New Berlin Food Pantry, quarterly, for our collective donations.

# Would you like to help with the Pantry? We would love to have you! We have opportunities on 3 different days throughout the month!

On the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm, bags are packed. On the 3rd Thursday of the month, starting at 9:15 am, we gather to set up the distribution and greet those in need. There is also a day in the week prior to bagging and distribution that the truck delivers items. There is a real need for at least 1 - 3 able bodied individuals to help unload the truck and stock the shelves and refrigerators. The delivery time varies, but it always takes place during the day. You would be notified in advance with the date and time of the delivery either via a text or email. If you would like more information about volunteering please contact Kathleen Ferster (570-259-1754)

**And remember,** purchasing Weis, Giant or L and L Gift Cards from Messiah Lutheran helps offset Food Pantry costs.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, October 26, 2025

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman

Greeter/s: Deb Wetzel

Lector: Kathleen Ferster Acolytes: Audrey Resseguie

Cantor/s: Ronald and Frances Blatchley

Music Dir: Frank Shue Video Operator: Kay Trick

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Altar Flowers:

#### Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

**Need immediate prayers?** Contact Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

# In our **pr**ayers

# Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie, Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey, Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber, Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller, John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers, Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas, Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush, Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover, Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman, George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor, Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzenski, Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Paul Burkholder, Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire, Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood, June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Grant Snyder, Robert Sauers, Rick Slear, Joe Hoffman, Tommy Ward, Shaun Ray, Joani Patterson, Randy Witmer, Nick St. Claire

#### Short Term

Mary Wagner, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Diane Walter, Randy Rim Fultz, Mary Lou Shoop, Mary Agnes Hackenberg, Bryce Johnson, Mim Keister, Ken Moyer, Maverick Resseguie

Providence and Protection for first responders and military service men and women Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck, Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka

Comfort for those who Grieve:

For the friends and family of Gary Keister, Brian D. Bryson, Tracy Sassaman, Carol Muchler

# This Week

Sunday, October 19

9 am Service Of Holy Communion

Fellowship Chancel Choir

4:30 pm Faith Lab @ Unite in Christ, W. Milton

Mon., Oct. 20

6:30 pm Council

Tues., Oct. 21

12:30 pm Quilt Tying

Wed., Oct. 22

6:30 pm Council

Sunday, October 26

9 am Service Of Holy Communion

Fellowship Sunday School

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 57

Mon. Oct. 20 1 Samuel 25:2-22 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Tues. Oct. 21 1 Samuel 25:23-35 James 5:7-12

Wed. Oct. 22 1 Samuel 25:36-42 Luke 22:39-46

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 84:1-7

Sunday, Oct. 26 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14