

## Those for Whom We Pray

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**Attention St. Peter's Readers:** advance copies of lessons are on the bulletin board to better prepare for reading the lessons. Please take those for the week(s) you are responsible.



## St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

St. Peter's  
at St. Clairsville - 9:00 a.m.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**  
We're glad to have you worship with us today.

September 25, 2011

### **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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**Sermon**

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## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## Announcements:

- The crafts in the hallway at St. Peter's are made by Messiah WELCA with proceeds to go to Allegheny Lutheran Home. They will be here for one more Sunday.
- Everyone is welcome to borrow books at the Library at St. Peter's.
- St. Peter's WELCA are collecting sewing kits for LWR during September.
- The Parish Directories will be ready by Christmas with your help. We need some folks with digital cameras to snap pictures of folks Sunday mornings between now & Sept. 25, 2011. You may, of course, provide your own pictures as long as they're in digital format. Questions call Adam Osman – 276-3468.
- Fall Bedford Conference Meeting with the Bishop and Staff Monday, October 10, 2011, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's.
- Happy Birthday to Tina Crist, Dennis Holderbaum, Mary Kay Osman, Hannah Walter, Liza Monsour and Dale Imler, Jr.
- Happy Anniversary to Steve & Carol Domonkos and Robert & Tisia Maxwell.

A Make sacred the times and places of our lives. May we be stewards of your grace in our communities, homes, workplaces, schools, governments, and places of worship. God of steadfast love,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bless with your healing power all who long for wholeness in any way, for themselves or for those whom they love (*especially*). Give them peace and patience in their longing and in their waiting. God of steadfast love,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A We remember with joy and thanksgiving those, like Abbot Sergius of Radonezh (*and other names*), who have gone before us into your eternal rest. Help us to follow in their path of faithfulness. God of steadfast love,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your loving arms we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your mercy; through the grace of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had

committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

### PSALM: Psalm 25:1-8 (Psalm 25:1-9 NRSV)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

**<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;\***

**let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD,\*  
and teach | me your paths.

**<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you  
have I trusted all | the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and  
love,\*  
for they are from | everlasting.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and |  
my transgressions;\***  
**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O  
LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.  
father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them,  
"Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the  
prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead  
of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of  
righteousness and you did not believe him, but the  
tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and  
even after you saw it, you did not change your minds  
and believe him."

### THE PRAYERS

A Living in the gift of baptismal grace, let us pray  
for the church, the world, and all who long to  
experience God's compassionate love.

*A brief silence.*

A Open our hearts and minds to the truth of your  
will, O God. Enlarge our capacity to embrace with  
respect all whom you love and accept. God of  
steadfast love,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bless with wisdom and energy all who labor on  
behalf of the church, and grant that all who exercise  
authority in your church may do so with the  
compassion of Christ. God of steadfast love,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Grant peace throughout the world and enliven  
our will to live justly, responsibly, and with grace,  
generosity, and hope. God of steadfast love,

C **hear our prayer.**

**<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in | doing right\*  
and teaches his way | to the lowly.**

### SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any  
consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any  
compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete:  
be of the same mind, having the same love, being in  
full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from  
selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard  
others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you  
look not to your own interests, but to the interests of  
others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in  
Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of  
death--  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have  
always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but  
much more now in my absence, work out your own  
salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who  
is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to  
work for his good pleasure.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests  
and the elders of the people came to him as he was  
teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing

these things, and who gave you this authority?"  
<sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one  
question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also  
tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the  
baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of  
human origin?" And they argued with one another,  
"If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why  
then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of  
human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all  
regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus,  
"We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither  
will I tell you by what authority I am doing these  
things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he  
went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the  
vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later  
he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to  
the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go,  
sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the  
will of his