

St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

St. Peter's
At St. Clairsville – 8:30

WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad to have you worship with us today.

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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** Please Stand As Able*

*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.**

*HYMN – p. 39 Joy COPY & PASTE

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King:
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, (Repeat twice)

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make his Blessing flow
Far as the curse is found, (repeat twice).

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove,
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, (repeat twice)

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

A The First Lesson is written in the ninth chapter of Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

PSALM 96

Sing to the LORD | a new song;*

sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.

²Sing to the LORD and | bless his name;*

proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

³Declare his glory a- | mong the nations*

and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised;*

he is more to be feared | than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;*

but it is the LORD who | made the heavens.

⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!*

Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples;*

ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name;*

bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;*

let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!*

He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peo- | ples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all | that is in it;*

let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD | when he comes,*

when he comes to | judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the | world with righteousness*

and the peoples | with his truth.

A The Second Lesson is written in the second chapter of Titus.

SECOND LESSON - Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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*GOSPEL - Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be

registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

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*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

A Filled with joy at the birth of the one sent to save us, let us offer our prayers to God who gives us peace and hope.

A brief silence.

A We give you thanks for the good news of great joy you have once again announced to your people. Send us on our way glorifying and praising you for all the good news that we hear and see. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

A Pierce the darkness of our world. Draw the nations to your brilliant light, that justice and peace may flourish, the rod of oppressors may be broken, and the tools of warfare may be destroyed. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

A Change us, gracious God, through the salvation you have sent. Turn us from the ways of this world and lead us into lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

A Hold gently in your arms all those who long for wholeness and healing in their lives (*especially*). Grant that they may receive good news

of great joy in the coming of the Savior and through the care and compassion we offer them in his name. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

A Bless the people of this congregation. Bind the wounds that divide us. Sanctify us with the presence of the one born to us in the city of David, that we may announce your salvation to friend and stranger. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Unite us with your holy angels and with the saints who have died in the light of your salvation, that we may stand with them before you as your light banishes all remaining darkness. God of our salvation,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

P Grant us these prayers, almighty Father, in the name of your Word made flesh dwelling among us, Jesus Christ our Lord

C **Amen**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Peace be with you. R Peace be with you.

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

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*A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have 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

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

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*P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

THE COMMUNION

*P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

***LIGHTING OF INDIVIDUAL CANDLES**

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A Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P Let us pray, Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with Thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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