

Those for Whom We Pray

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Please see the prayer list with numbers before the names. The names with a #4 in front of them will be removed on May 31st. If you want it on longer, please call the office. Thank you.

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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

Messiah, Bedford – 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

May 6, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Prelude

+**Gathering Song:**

+**Greeting:** page 98

+**Song of Praise #848**

+**Prayer of the Day:**

P O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30 (Psalm 22:25-31 [NRSV])

My praise is of him in the | great assembly;*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who | worship him.**

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:*

"May your heart | live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn |
to the LORD,*

**and all the families of the nations | bow
before him.**

²⁷For kingship belongs | to the LORD;*

he rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down
in worship;*

all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall
serve him;*

they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet
unborn*

the saving deeds that | he has done.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is
from God; everyone who loves is born of God and
knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know
God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed
among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the

world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is
love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and
sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also
ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen
God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his
love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in
us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we
have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his
Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those
who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they
abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the
love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in
God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been
perfected among us in this: that we may have
boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so
are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but
perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with
punishment, and whoever fears has not reached
perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved
us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their
brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not
love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot
love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The
commandment we have from him is this: those who
love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+Gospel John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Apostles' Creed: page 105

+Prayers of Intercession:

A Standing before God and given new life by the risen Christ, let us pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.

A brief silence.

A For your church, life-giving God, that it may remain rooted in you and bear the fruit of love for one another through worship, mission, and service. God of new life,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For the world you crown with mercy, that it would be rescued from destruction and anger and held in unity through works of justice and peace. God of new life,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For those who wait patiently for relief from their burdens and for those who long for their health to be restored (especially), that they might find comfort in the abiding presence of Jesus. God of new life,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For mothers and all who show care and devotion to others, that the love they offer will be a sign of your love for all people. God of new life,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For this congregation nourished in word and sacrament, that you would lead us to care for the hungry, the homeless, and all who are easily overlooked. God of new life,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A For the saints of every time and place (especially the apostle Matthias), that your mercy revealed in their lives might sustain us until that day when we join them in eternal praise of you. God of new life,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear our prayers, gracious God, and receive them for the sake of your crucified and risen Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

+**Peace:** page 106

OFFERING

+**Offertory:** hymn #182 (Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord)

+**Offertory Prayer** page 107

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+**Sending Hymn**

+**Dismissal:** page 115

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

- Thank you to members of Thrivent Financial and the Bedford County Leadership Board for the beautiful planter I received for Administrative Professionals Day. Kelly Nunamaker
- Spousal bereavement support group meeting Wednesday, May 9th 7:00 at St. Peter's.
- Parish council meeting Monday, May 14th at St. Peter's. Parish meeting will start promptly at 7:00 till 7:45 at the latest & St. Peter's council meeting will immediately follow & finish by 9:00.
- Anyone interested in providing food for a future Bloodmobile please sign up on the list on the bulletin board at St. Peter's.
- St. Peter's is still collecting food for the local food bank. Please bring all non-perishable food items to the church.
- Spaghetti Supper to benefit the outreach mission fund May 19th at St. Peter's. See bulletin board for more information.
- Save the date August 11th yard sale at St. Peter's. More info later.
- Happy Birthday to Dug Swank, Robert Fisher, Minnie Clark, Jane Antonson, Jennifer Way, Julie Barefoot, Julie Deffibaugh, Tina Henderson, Jamie Humphrey, Todd Kagarise, Mark Way, Joshua Frazier and Lisa Rowley.
- Happy Anniversary to Roger & Joan Beutman and Mike & Shelly Peterson.

Comforting Friends Tuesday, May 15th, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed Church, Osterburg. All bereaved parents & grandparents are welcome.

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.