

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. If you want it on longer, please call the office. Thank you.

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## 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.

May 6, 2012

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## Prelude

+**Opening Hymn:** #252 You Servants of God

+**Hymn of Praise** page 60 (This is the Feast)

+**Greeting:** page 57

+**Salutation:** page 62

### +**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.) <sup>27</sup>So 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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to

it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now 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.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As 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?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When 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. <sup>40</sup>But 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.**

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:\*

**"May your heart | live forever!"**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn |  
to the LORD,\*

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

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD;\*

**he rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down  
in worship;\*

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

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall  
serve him;\*

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

<sup>30</sup>They 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. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know  
God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed  
among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the

world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In 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.

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

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in  
us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we  
have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his  
Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those  
who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they  
abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>Love 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved  
us. <sup>20</sup>Those 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. <sup>21</sup>The  
commandment we have from him is this: those who  
love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

+Verse: page 62

**+Gospel: John 15:1-8**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

+Hymn of the Day #419 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

+Apostles' Creed: page 65

**+Prayers:**

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**

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## **OFFERING**

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Fruitful)

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to Sing

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## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## **Announcements:**

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.

- 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 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 at St. Peter's.
- Parish council meeting Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's. See bulletin board for more information.
- Save the date August 11<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed Church, Osterburg. All bereaved parents & grandparents are welcome.