

Those for Whom We Pray

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If you have any changes for the prayer list, 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.

December 23, 2012

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Rev. Donna J. Wolfinger – 276-3036

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Prelude

+Brief Order for Confession

and Forgiveness: page 56

+Opening Hymn

#36 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry
(found in both red & green hymnals)

+Greeting: page 57

+Kyrie: page 57

+Salutation page 62

+Prayer of the Day:

P Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Lighting of Advent Candles: 34 stanza 4

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is | my salvation;*

I will trust, and will not | be afraid,
for the LORD God is my strength | and my might;*
he has become | my salvation.

³With joy you | will draw water*
from the wells | of salvation.

⁴And you will say | in that day:*
Give thanks to the LORD, call | on his name;
make known his deeds a- | mong the nations;*
proclaim that his name | is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he | has done
gloriously;*
let this be known in | all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,*
**for great in your midst is the Holy | One of
Israel.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

+Verse page 62

+Gospel : Luke 3:7-18

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+**Hymn of the Day** (pew folder) He Came Down
(found in red hymnal only)
(please return insert to pew folder)

+**Nicene Creed:** page 64

+**Prayers:**

A With longing for the fullness of redemption, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A For the whole Christian church, that we might bear fruits worthy of repentance: God of hopefulness, C **hear our prayer.**

A For our stewardship of creation, that it may reflect faithful partnership with you, to the benefit of those who will come after us: God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For all who hunger or lack basic necessities of life, that our sharing may encourage them in hope: God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For those who are hospitalized or ill (*especially*), that their worries might be given over to you: God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For the children of this community, whose hearts are at home in God, that this might be a safe and nurturing place for them: God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With thanksgiving we remember all our friends and relatives who have died and rest securely in your arms. May your presence bring comfort to those who grieve: God of hopefulness,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of salvation, hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus Christ, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C **Amen**

+Peace: page 66

OFFERING

+Offertory: (Let the Vineyards) page 66

+Offertory Prayer page 67

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+Lord's Prayer: page 71

Communion

Lamb of God: page 72

+Post Communion Cantic: page 72 (Thank the Lord)

+Post Communion Prayer: page 74

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Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn: #60 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

+Dismissal: page 74

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

⌚ St. Peter's income for December is as follows:
Sunday, 12/02; 848.75 Sunday, 12/09; 824.25

The brunch following church on 12/09, which was sponsored by the Women's Group, collected over \$400.00 in donations. The Women's Group graciously matched that and then some by donating \$1,000.00 to the church's general operating fund. Thank you to the Ladies of St. Peter's!!!!

- ⌚ From Pastor Donna: There is no cell phone reception in the parsonage; I don't use the phone when driving or visiting. Please use the home number (276-3036) for messages. Pastor Donna will be off duty during the week of Dec. 18 (weekdays only). Dug will be taking calls and will arrange coverage as needed.
- ⌚ Parish Children's Christmas program 7p.m. tonight at St. Peter's. A family fellowship time will immediately follow. We need volunteers to make cookies for refreshments. Please bring 2 dozen cookies each.
- ⌚ Happy Birthday to Ryan Hengst, Jennifer Custer, Chelsea Dawson, Yvette Hahn, Ken Corle, Donna Miller, Simon Montgomery Osman and Collin James Osman.
- ⌚ Happy Anniversary to Galen & Tina Henderson, Dean & Kathy Claycomb and Owen & Donna Colledge.

Candlelight Service of Remembrance at Christmas is Tuesday, December 18th, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed Church, Osterburg. This is for anyone who has lost a loved one. Everyone is welcome.

Monthly Schedule

St. Peter's Bible Study every Tuesday or Thursday
10-noon at Mary Kay Osman's

Outreach Sunday – 1st Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1st Sunday

Parish Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 7:00

Healing Hearts spousal bereavement support group –
2nd Wednesday 7:00 at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Council meeting - 3rd Monday

Comforting Friends – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity
Reformed Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday

- ⌚ Future **blood drive** at St. Peter's is scheduled for **January 30th** from **12-6PM**. Volunteers are always needed.

New Paris Food Bank
Pick up date

MONDAY

December 17th