

Those for Whom We Pray

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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.

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prelude

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+**Hymn of Praise**

#848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

+**Prayer of the Day:**

P Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!*

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,*

and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze*

on all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them*

and understands all their works.

16There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;*

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;*

for all its strength it cannot save.

18Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,*

on those who wait upon his love,

19to pluck their lives from death,*

and to feed them in time of famine.

20Our soul waits for the LORD;*

he is our help and our shield.

21Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,*

for in his holy name we put our trust.

22Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,*

as we have put our trust in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said: ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Apostles' Creed: page 105

+Prayers:

A Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A Let us pray for the church, that as we wait in hope for the return of our master, we will be found to be faithful servants of Christ in the world. God of grace,
C **let our prayer come before you.**

A Let us pray for all those who promote the health and safety of others in our country and our community, that they would experience joy in their service to others. God of grace,
C **let our prayer come before you.**

A Let us pray for all those who are living without hope: the homeless, the mentally ill, those with chronic illness, the childless, and for the sick (*especially*), that they may not be afraid but may come to know that it is the Father's good pleasure to give them the kingdom. God of grace,
C **let our prayer come before you.**

A Let us pray for those from our congregation vacationing, that they may obtain rest from their labors and renewal of their spirits. God of grace,

C let our prayer come before you.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Let us give thanks for all those whose faith sustained them even as they longed for their heavenly home, especially Dominic, renewer of the church (*and names*). Sustain our faith and grant us your unfailing treasure in heaven. God of grace,

C let our prayer come before you.

P Teach us to pray, O God, and grant to all for whom we pray the good gifts that you have promised, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

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OFFERING

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

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Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn

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Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

- **NEW WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULED**
Beginning Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. and every Wednesday evening following “Quiet Hour” service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter’s. This will be a spoken word service and will include no hymns. It will last about 30 minutes. The service can replace the Sunday service, especially for any who find the longer service or early hour a burden. It may also provide a blessed respite in the midst of our too busy- or not busy enough- lives.
- Messiah WELCA is having a picnic supper August 13th, 6:00 at the church. Bring a covered dish. Chicken is provided.
- Relay for Life fundraiser at Bedford Hoss’s is Thursday, August 22nd. Copies of the email are in each church.
- Lottie Way's birthday is August 22nd. We would like to surprise her with many cards from friends and family of Messiah and St. Peter's. Her address is Carrol's Rest Home, 7741 Lincoln Highway, Bedford, PA 15522.
- Messiah WELCA is making health kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking for money donations. Give donations to Ruby or Nancy. The kits will be assembled in October and sent in November. Thank you.

- St. Peter’s WELCA are sponsoring a Soles 4 Souls shoe drive. Please donate any gently used shoes. The box is in the church. The church is open during office hours Tuesday 9:30-11:30 and Thursday 9-12:30.
- St. Peter’s Rally Day Sunday, August 25th.
- Happy Birthday to Jack Monsour, David Custer and Jay Ickes.
- Happy Anniversary to Bud & Mary Henderson and Guy & Gloria Mellott.

Non-perishable food items are being collected at St. Peter’s and will be delivered to New Paris food bank on the following Mondays.

August 12
September 16
October 14

November 11
December 16

The family of Grace Hershberger would like to thank those who donated to Messiah Church in memory of Grace.

Thank You:

Anna Belle and Gary Sellers
Elaine and Jim Chamberlain
Ruby and Don Lough
Kathy and Dean Claycomb
Bonnie and Jim Harclerode
Joanne Hammond
Kathleen & Boyd Ickes &
Cheryl Lynn & Connie Lynn
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Steve and Louise Hershberger
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Bedford Grange 619

Monthly Schedule

St. Peter's Bible Study every Thursday
10-noon at Sharon Maxwell's

Outreach Sunday – 1st Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1st Sunday
after the service

Parish Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 7:00
(odd months only 3,5,7...)

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

St. Peter's Council meeting - 3rd Monday 7:00

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

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday