

Those for Whom We Pray

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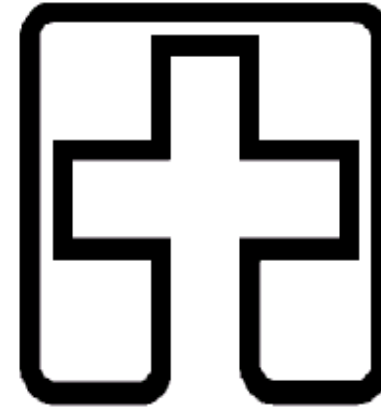
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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

St. Peter's
at St. Clairsville - 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

December 15, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gathering

Prelude

+Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn:

#35 Hark the Glad Sound!

+Greeting: page 57

+Kyrie: page 57

+Salutation: page 62

+Prayer of the Day:

P Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lighting of Advent Candle: #34 stanza 3

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

PSALM: Psalm 146:4-9 (Psalm 146:5-10 NRSV)

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,*

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;*

who keeps his promise forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,*

and food to those who hunger.

⁸The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁹the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;*

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one

another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

+**Verse:** page 62

+**Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

#480 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide

+Apostles' Creed: page 65

+Prayers:

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A Like streams in the desert, may the church everywhere overflow with bold proclamation and loving service for the sake of the world. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like the blind made to see, may the eyes of world leaders and of each of us be opened to the plight of those who live in warring nations, those who are victims of natural disasters, and those who live without hope. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like those who followed John the Baptist, may we heed the voices of prophets who are courageous in their witness to the word and will of God, lifting up justice above comfort and the poor above the rich.

O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like the lame who leap as a deer, may those who suffer be renewed. Comfort those who are ill or in special need (*especially*). O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like the wilderness that rejoices with singing, may this congregation proclaim the glory of the Lord through art and music. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A In unity with the redeemed who now walk with God forever, we offer our thanks and praises for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). May we be inspired by their witness. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

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OFFERING

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Communion

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Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn:
#54 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

+Dismissal: page 74

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

- The offering for December 8th was \$1,202.
- Worship with Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at St. Peter's at 9:00am, at Messiah at 10:30am, and Wednesday evening at 5:30pm at St. Peter's. Sunday School classes meet at Messiah at 9:30am and at St. Peter's at 10:15am.
- Practice for the Christmas program 6:00 tonight at St. Peter's.
- Donations of treats for children's Christmas stockings are due today.
- Children's Christmas program is Sunday, December 22nd, 6:00 at St. Peter's.
- Christmas Eve service December 24th 6 p.m. at Messiah and 8:30 p.m. at St. Peter's.
- There will be **NO Quiet Hour** service on Wednesday, Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st.
- Sunday, January 5th, during the service, St. Peter's will have Installation of Council members & Steward of Acolytes.
- 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 and Dean & Kathy Claycomb.

Monthly Schedule

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULED

Every Wednesday evening "Quiet Hour" service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter's at 5:30 p.m.

Souper Wednesday - 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm
at St. Peter's

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

St. Peter's Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 6:00

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

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday

Non-perishable food items will be delivered to
New Paris food bank on Monday December 16.

Bloodmobile at St. Peter's Dates for 2014

January 15th

March 26th

May 28th

July 23rd

Please mark your calendars.
We need donors & volunteers
to keep this a successful bloodmobile.