

Those for Whom We Pray

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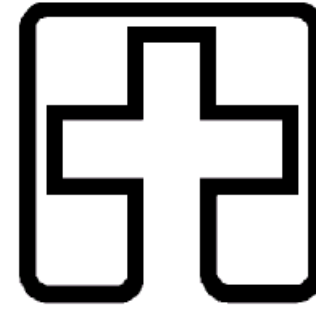
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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

St. Peter's at St. Clairsville
9:00 a.m. Sunday
5:30 p.m. Wednesday

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

December 7, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn: #41 O Little Town of Bethlehem

+Kyrie: page 57

+Salutation: page 62

+Prayer of the Day:

P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM: Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead
Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth**

2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

3 Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts,

**how long will you be angry with your
people's prayers?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,

**and given them tears to drink in full
measure.**

6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right
hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

18 Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Lighting of Advent candle

#34 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel verse

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SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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+Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' "

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

#36 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

+Apostles' Creed page 65

+Prayers:

A Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await the dawn of God's justice.

A O God, your tender voice of love reaches all who sit in deepest gloom. Speak to all people throughout the world, lifting those who live among dark valleys of division and despair. We pray to the Lord:

C show us your light.

A Your strong voice of assurance gives hope in the midst of the changes and chances of life. Guide your church, O God, as it seeks to speak words of faith to a world seeking stability and comfort. We pray to the Lord:

C show us your light.

A Your welcoming voice of authority breaks through the silence to give strength and hope. Grant that bishops, pastors, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry, and all who serve in positions of leadership in the church will be guided by your voice, so that together we may carry your word to those who await its coming. We pray to the Lord:

C show us your light.

A Your soothing voice of comfort brings balm to the broken spirit. Lift up the hearts of all whose courage falters, whose heads are bowed down in sickness or addiction, and whose ears are unable to hear a word of hope in this holy season (*especially*). We pray to the Lord:

C show us your light.

A Your eternal voice of glory rings through the courts of heaven. Give us voices to praise your name with (*names*, and) all who have gone before us, whose voices join with ours in the endless song of praise in your light-filled presence.

P Show us your light, O God, and bring us to see the day of our redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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OFFERING

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Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn: WOV #626 People, Look East

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Postlude +Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

The offering for November 30th was \$1,395.52

Next Sunday Dec. 14th Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11,

Psalm 80:1-7 17-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24,

John 1:6-8, 19-28

- Worship with Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at St. Peter's at 9:00am, at Messiah at 10:30am. Sunday School classes meet at Messiah at 9:30am and at St. Peter's at 10:15am.

- If you would like Communion on Wednesday evening, please contact Pastor Donna by noon that day at 276-3036.
- St. Peter's WELCA meeting today after church.
- Singers, actors, and actresses needed! Practice for the children's Christmas play will be from 2 p.m. –3 p. m. at St. Peter's every Sunday afternoon till Dec. 21st. The performance will be at St. Peter's Sun. Dec. 28th at 7p.m. Cookies and punch will be served immediately afterwards. Santa will also make a visit.
- Bloodmobile has been changed to **Dec. 10th** 12:30-6. This will not interfere with future donations as far as the timeline.
- St. Peter's Annual Christmas Brunch immediately following church on December 14th.
- Messiah is hosting a Christmas Hymn Sing & Performance Fellowship Choir, Sunday, Dec. 14th, 2-3 p.m., Dutch Corner History Group. Everyone is invited & there will be refreshments afterward in the Sunday School room.
- Happy Birthday to Connie Biselx, Roy Claycomb, Denise Kagarise and Ernie Draeger.
- Happy Anniversary to David & Lynda Miller.

Next Bloodmobile

December 10th 12:30-6

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

Non-perishable food items will be delivered to New
Paris food bank on the following Mondays.

December 15

Monthly Schedule

Every Wednesday evening "Quiet Hour" service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter's at 5:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Donna by noon on Wednesday if you want Communion that evening 276-3036.

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

Exercise Fellowship Group

Monday - Regular Exercise 6:30-7:30PM

Tuesday - Very Gentle Exercise 1-1:40PM

Thursday - Gentle Exercise 6PM &
Regular Exercise 6:30-7:30PM at St. Peter's