

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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Prelude

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+Prayer of the Day:

P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me,

but heard when I cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

30 Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord,

31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written,

"I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan!

For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow

me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Apostles' Creed page 105

+Prayers:

A As we journey through this season of repentance and renewal, let us turn to God who mercifully gives us new life.

A brief silence.

A God Almighty, the promises you give to us rest on your grace, not on our deeds. Like Abraham and Sarah, help us to trust in your word and believe in your faithfulness. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

A O God, you have given birth to a multitude of nations. Guide their leaders with peacemaking hearts and lead them always in honesty and justice. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

A Bless all who serve those who are unemployed or homeless. Strengthen those who care for the sick (*especially*), that they might see your work in their lives. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

A Guide all who lead in the worship of this congregation--musicians and artists, lectors and ushers, assisting ministers and altar guilds--that by their ministry we will be enabled to set our minds on holy things. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

A Challenge us, O God, to see beyond ourselves and to know that we are surrounded always by a great cloud of witnesses, including (*names*, and) all our dearly departed. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

P Merciful God, hear our cry when we call to you; renew and uphold us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

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OFFERING

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+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

Next Sunday, March 8th Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19,
I Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

- Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday March 8, 2015. Church will seem to be one hour earlier than desired. Please plan accordingly.
- NO Wednesday evening Lenten services. Maundy Thursday service April 2nd, 7:30 at St. Peter's. Good Friday service April 3rd, 7:30 at Messiah.
- 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 Church Council is sponsoring a Dance on Saturday, March 21st from 6-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Admission & refreshments are free – donations accepted. Everyone is welcome to attend & bring a friend for a fun evening of fellowship.

- **Body and Soul Fellowship** every Tuesday at St. Peter's. We will continue our **Very Gentle Exercise** from 1-1:45PM. Following this from 2-3:30PM we will have **Bible Study**. We invite you to join us for "**Body**" or "**Soul**" or both! Contact Kathy Popp, if needed.
- Happy Birthday to Regina Hengst, David Crist, Caleb Feathers, Bonnie Claycomb, Danielle Dawson and Vesta Musselman.
- Happy anniversary to Jim & Deborah Winesickle.

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

March 17 April 7

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 meets at the church every Tuesday 2-3:30 PM

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

Messiah Council Meeting – 2nd Tuesday 6:30

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