

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.

May 3, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Prelude

+Opening Hymn:

+Greeting: page 98

+Song of Praise #848

+Prayer of the Day:

P O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

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: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+ Apostles' Creed: page 105

+Prayers:

A Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray for Christ's church, the world, and all who wait for the Spirit's revealing power.

A brief silence.

A Let us pray for the church, that it may remain true to the vine from which it grows, and may bear fruits of worship, mission, and service. We pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for this congregation, that its ministries of education and learning would be deepened by teachers who are impassioned by God's word and eager to impart its joys and promises to their students. We pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for the world God has created, that where war paralyzes people with fear and chaos, peace and unity will be restored. We pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for those who wait patiently for cures and for medications yet undeveloped. May strength be given to all who live in chronic pain or sickness that they will never be forsaken (*especially*). We pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A Let us pray for vibrant and fruitful congregational life rooted in the word of God and the sacraments of God's love. May we make disciples who will join us in bearing fruit for the reign of God. We pray to the Lord:

C Lord, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Let us pray with thanksgiving for Erik (*for names*) and all who rest in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. We pray to the Lord:

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

+Peace: page 106

OFFERING

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

+Offertory Prayer page 107

+Great Thanksgiving pages 107-108

+Lord's Prayer: page 112

Communion

+Post Communion Canticle:

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+Post Communion Prayer: page 114

+Benediction: page 114

Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn

+Dismissal: page 115

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

Next Sunday, May 10th, Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

- 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.

- Messiah Council meeting 6:00 tonight at Messiah. Parish Council meeting is at 7:00.
- Parish Mother-Daughter Banquet will be Wednesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. at Ivy Stone Restaurant. We will order from a limited menu. Please call Mary Bowser at 276-3748 with the number attending **TODAY**.
- In the spirit of Bishop Rhyne's "Week of Christian Service" the "Adopt a Highway" cleanup day is scheduled for May 16th at 9 a.m. meet at St. Peter's. Rain date will be May 18th at 9 a.m. Please plan to attend.
- Sunday May 17th - Seventh Sunday of Easter, our Bishop, Rev. Mike Rhyne, will be visiting our parish and preaching at both worship services.
- The Women of St. Peter's would like to invite everyone from Messiah and St. Peter's to lunch with Bishop Rhyne at St. Peter's following the worship service at Messiah on May 17th. (Approximately 12:15)
- Monday May 18th at 7:00pm - Bedford Conference Spring Caucus will be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
- Mark your calendars! Bible School Day Camp June 16, 17 & 18, noon-10:00 p.m. at Messiah. More info later.

- Happy Birthday to Galen Henderson, Dug Swank, Robert Fisher, Minnie Clark, Jane Antonson & Jennifer Way.
- Happy Anniversary to Joe & Bonnie Claycomb and Roger & Joan Beutman.

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 (after very gentle exercise)

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

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

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