

Those for Whom We Pray

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The office email will only be checked Thursday morning.

The **underlined** names will be removed from the prayer list on **Thursday, September 3rd**. If you want it on longer, please call the office.



St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

Messiah, Bedford – 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

August 23, 2015

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prelude

+Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn:

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+Song of Praise #848

+Prayer of the Day:

P Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen**

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people,

¹⁴ "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve,

whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22

15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.

20 He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.

21 Evil brings death to the wicked,
**and those who hate the righteous will be
condemned.**

22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
**none of those who take refuge in him will be
condemned.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given

to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+ Apostles' Creed: page 105

+Prayers:

A Growing in the soil of the Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who seek the richness of life in God.

A brief silence.

A Generous God, you feed us with bread that will nourish us to eternal life. Keep us always faithful to the spirit and life we receive from the Bread of life.

Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

A Give to the nations of the world your light and your peace. Grant their leaders wisdom and courage, that they may lead with compassion for all people.

Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

A Heal those among us who are struggling with sickness of any kind (*especially*), that being touched by you, their sickness may be turned to health. Gracious God,

God,

C hear our prayer.

A Bless those entrusted with the ministry of prayer in this congregation. Keep them alert to the needs of this community, that they may support all we do with their intercessions. Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We remember before you those who have died (*especially*) and ask that you would keep us in communion with them and all your saints who surround us in the great cloud of witnesses. Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear us as we pray, living God, and in your mercy give us all good things, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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:
#313 O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

+Post Communion Prayer: page 114

+Benediction: page 114

Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn

+Dismissal: page 115

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

Pastor Donna is on vacation through Saturday, September 5th. She will still be available for services & emergencies.

Next Sunday, August 30th, Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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 Tuesday afternoon, please contact Pastor Donna at 276-3036.
- Dug's school address will be:
Dug Swank
7301 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19119-1974
- Messiah Tastefully Simple fundraiser until first week in September. Books are in each church. Orders & questions to Christine 623-9683.
- Happy Birthday to Jacoby Brady, Devin Custer, Dorothy Snare, Kimberly Buck, Hannah Whetstone, Ashley Johnson, Stephen Shaffer, Marjorie Crist, Marsha Beard, Ryan Miller and Meagan Custer.
- Happy Anniversary to Donald & Betty Hoagland

**Parish Office hours THIS WEEK ONLY:
Thursday, August 27th 7-10:30 a.m.**

Non-perishable food items are being collected at St. Peter's and will be delivered to New Paris food bank on the following Mondays Sept. 15 & Oct. 13

Monthly Schedule

Every Tuesday "Quiet Hour" service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter's at approximately 3:45 p.m. Contact Pastor Donna if you want Communion that afternoon 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