

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.

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FOURTEENTH 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 O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

PSALM: Psalm 15

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things,

shall never be moved.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 Let us pray for the church, that God's word would not be crowded out by human traditions, and that right teaching would be coupled always with right living.

Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for the world, that justice and peace might prevail over greed and violence. Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray that the orphaned and widowed would be supported, and that God's people would respond in mercy and with compassion to all in need (*especially*).

Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for this congregation, that it might be a beacon of hope to all in this community, offering life in abundance. Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for those in sorrow, that they will be met in the valley of their grief by the Comforter and have their hope in the resurrection restored. Gracious God,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Let us pray in thanksgiving for the lives of John Bunyan (*other names*) and all the saints, that we might be supported by their witness until we join them in paradise. 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

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OFFERING

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

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Communion

+Post Communion Canticle:
#313 O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

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Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn

+Dismissal: page 115

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

Next Sunday, September 6th, Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146
James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37

- 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. Until further notice Quiet Communion is Tuesday afternoon at 3:30.
- Messiah Tastefully Simple fundraiser until first week in September. Books are in each church. Orders & questions to Christine 623-9683.
- Happy Birthday to Lisa Chamberlain, Judy Ickes, Margaret Domonkos and Anthony Wissinger

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

“God’s Work – Our Hands”

Sunday, Sept. 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

- As part of the ELCA’s annual, nationwide witness & servanthood day, we’re coordinating an afternoon of outreach opportunities, to benefit our local community.
- We’re planning servant- opportunities which will be appropriate for parishioners and friends of all ages & of various abilities.
- We’ve also extended an invitation to our neighboring Lutheran congregations of the Bedford Conference to come together and reach-out with us, to express our common Lutheran witness!
- See bulletin board to sign up.
- If you want an “official” shirt for the day, call 623-8813. Deadline to order is tomorrow, August 31st. \$5.00 per shirt

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