

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prelude

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+Opening Hymn:

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+Song of Praise #848

+Prayer of the Day:

P Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **C Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM: Psalm 146

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals,
in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to

anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+ Apostles' Creed: page 105

+Prayers:

A As we await the full harvest of the Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God who is abundant in every good gift.

A brief silence.

A Let us pray that all people be welcomed without reserve to the community of faith gathered around word and sacrament. Hear us, O God;

C your mercy is great.

A Let us pray that God's inclusive love might be the standard by which the needs of all people are addressed. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

A Let us pray that all who labor might receive a fair wage, and that those who are unemployed or underemployed might soon find fulfilling work. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

A Let us pray that those who plan and prepare for the start of fall ministries in our congregation might be encouraged and strengthened in their efforts. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

A Let us pray that those suffering from any sickness or adversity (*especially*) would find comfort and healing. Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Let us pray that we may be kept in communion with those who have died and who now rest from their labors in your own eternal peace (*especially*). Hear us, O God; **C your mercy is great.**

P Teach us to pray, O God, & grant us wisdom in our asking, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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OFFERING

+Offertory: hymn #182 (Let the Vineyards Be
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Communion

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Announcements and Blessings

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Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

Next Sunday, September 13th, Isaiah 50:4-9a,
Psalm 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

- 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 orders due tomorrow evening, September 7th. Books are in each church. Orders & questions to Christine 623-9683.
- In conjunction with the "God's Work, Our Hands" project, we will have the Adopt a Highway trash pick-up day on Sat. September 19th, 9a.m. at St. Peter's. Please plan to participate. Rain date Sept. 26th at 9a.m.
- Exercise groups will begin again in October – details later.
- Many thanks to all who donated for our Soles 4 Souls shoe drive. And Thrivent who supported our efforts financially. It appears to be a great success.
- Happy Birthday to Charles Barefoot, Jo Corle, David Frazier, Julie Ickes, Patricia Deffibaugh.
- Happy Anniversary to William & Sara Ford.

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