

### Those for Whom We Pray

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Bill Ford	Marian Russell	Joyce Bence
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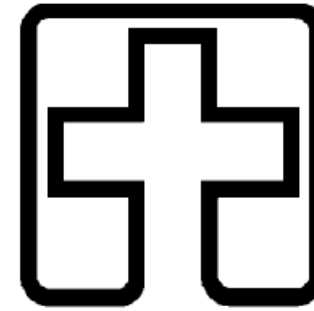
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### St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

St. Peter's at St. Clairsville  
9:00 a.m. Sunday

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

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

December 6, 2015

### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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## Prelude

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn: #35 Hark, the Glad Sound

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### +Prayer of the Day:

**P** Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah

and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

### PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,

**born of the house of his servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>Through his holy prophets he promised of old

<sup>71</sup>that he would save us from our enemies,

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

<sup>72</sup>He promised to show mercy to our fathers

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

<sup>74</sup>free to worship him without fear,

**<sup>75</sup>holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

<sup>76</sup>You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

<sup>77</sup>to give his people knowledge of salvation

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion of our God

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

<sup>79</sup>to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## Lighting of Advent candle

#34 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel verse 2

## SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**+Verse:** page 62

## **+GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the

region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'  
<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;  
<sup>6</sup>**and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'**

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon

## **+Hymn of the Day**

#36 On Jordon's Banks the Baptist's Cry

**+Nicene Creed:** page 64

## **+Prayers:**

A As the fulfillment of our hope draws near, let us lift our voices in prayer for the church, the world, and all according to their need.

*A brief silence.*

A Most Merciful God, awaken your church from complacency and drive us to share your abundant grace with the lost and forsaken. O God, whose advent is near,

**C hear us and renew us with your love.**

A Overwhelm the world's destructive powers with a flood of righteousness, bringing forth new life for all people and the whole creation. O God, whose advent is near,

**C hear us and renew us with your love.**

A Make the rough ways smooth, gracious God, for those who have been exiled from their homes because of warfare and political unrest. Use us to help them find refuge and safe homes. O God, whose advent is near,

**C hear us and renew us with your love.**

A Give your radiant light to all those who sit in the darkness of grief, shame, and sickness (*especially*). Guide the feet of your people to bear your tender mercy to all those in need. O God, whose advent is near,

**C hear us and renew us with your love.**

A Strengthen the resolve of this congregation to become the body of Christ in this place, confident that you have begun a good work in us and you will not fail to bring it to completion through Christ. O God, whose advent is near,

**C hear us and renew us with your love.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Bind us together with the saints of all times and places, with Ambrose, bishop and renewer of the church, and all those who have spread your gospel, that we may stand together, pure and blameless in the day of Jesus Christ. O God, whose advent is near,

**C hear us and renew us with your love.**

P Hear our prayers, mighty God, as we rejoice in your reign already revealed, and long for the peace, justice, and love yet to dawn, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**+Peace:** page 66

## **OFFERING**

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## **Announcements and Blessings**

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**+Dismissal:** page 74

## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## **Announcements:**

Next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Zephaniah 3:14-20,  
Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

- 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 want Communion, contact Pastor Donna.
- St. Peter's WELCA meeting today after worship.
- Everyone is invited to an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing and Performance by the a cappella Choir of the Christian Light Fellowship Church at Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. The event is hosted by both Messiah and the Dutch Corner History Group. Refreshments will be served.
- Join us Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 at St. Peter's as the children present "A Christmas Window". Refreshments served after the play.
- St. Peter's Congregational Meeting Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> after worship service. We will be voting on the budget & council members.
- Play practice for the Children's Christmas Program will be at St. Peter's on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 till 5.
- Regular exercise group, Monday & Thursday 6:30 at St. Peter's. All are welcome.

- Happy Birthday to Doris Draeger, Joann Hammond, Crystal Musselman, Addison Osman, Connie Biselx, Roy Claycomb, Denise Kagarise and Ernie Draeger.
- Happy Anniversary to David & Lynda Miller.

**Office hours for this week only**  
**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 7-10:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> CLOSED**

Non-perishable food items will be delivered to New Paris food bank on Monday Dec. 15.

## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

St. Peter’s WELCA meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the service

Parish Council meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 7:00  
 (odd months only 3,5,7...)

St. Peter’s Council meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00

Messiah Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00

Comforting Friends – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday