

## 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.

December 13, 2015

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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## Prelude

+Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:  
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+Opening Hymn:

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+Prayer of the Day:

**P** Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

15The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

16On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with

gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing 18as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

19I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

20At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

## PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6

2 Surely God is my salvation;  
**I will trust, and will not be afraid,**  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
**he has become my salvation.**  
3 With joy you will draw water  
**from the wells of salvation.**  
4 And you will say in that day:  
**Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;**  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
**proclaim that his name is exalted.**  
5 Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
**let this be known in all the earth.**  
6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
**for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

## **Lighting of Advent candle**

#257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 3

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

## **+GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" 11In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." 12Even tax

collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" 13He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 14Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Sermon**

**+Hymn of the Day**

**+ Nicene Creed:** page 104

## **+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 God our salvation, fill the hearts of all the baptized with thanksgiving, that we may make known your mighty deeds and proclaim your exalted name with voices that never waver and hands that never grow tired. O God, whose advent is near,

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

A Help us to repent of smugness, leaving behind the attitude that we are better than others by virtue of our religion, nationality, or social standing. Bring us instead to rely only on you, and to open ourselves to works of charity. O God, whose advent is near,

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

A Guide the nations of the earth toward the fulfillment of your will, that all people may enjoy peace, justice, and daily bread. Put an end to the violence and warfare, and overcome the powers that advance evil in your creation. O God, whose advent is near,

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

A Give your peace, which surpasses all understanding, to all those who suffer from illness of mind, body, or spirit (*especially*). Fill our hearts with compassion that we may be the hands and feet of Christ to all who long for healing. O God, whose advent is near,

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

A Shape the mission and ministry of this parish, that bearing fruits worthy of repentance we may give clothing to those in need of it, food to the hungry, and hope to all who come searching for peace. O God, whose advent is near,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Gather all your saints as wheat into the granary, where we may join with John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, renewers of the church, (*others*), and all who have lived lives of faith knowing that the Lord is coming soon.

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 106**

## **OFFERING**

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

**+Offertory Prayer** page 107

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**+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:**

Next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Micah 5:2-5a,  
Luke 1:46b-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

- 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.
- 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.
- Play practice for the Children's Christmas Program will be at St. Peter's on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 till 5. Children of all ages are welcome.
- Christmas Eve Services for this year only, will be 6:00 in each church. Pastor Donna will be at Messiah & Dug will be at St. Peter's.
- Happy Birthday to Ryan Hengst, Jennifer Custer, Chelsea Dawson and Yvette Hawn.

Non-perishable food items are being collected at St. Peter's and 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

St. Peter's exercise group- Monday & Thursday 6:30

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

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