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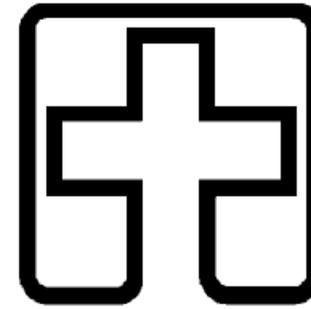
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### St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

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

December 13, 2015

### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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## Prelude

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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#### +Opening Hymn:

#54 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

#### +Greeting: page 57

#### +Kyrie: page 57

#### +Salutation: page 62

#### +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!

<sup>15</sup>The 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.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The 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 <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I 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.

<sup>20</sup>At 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

<sup>2</sup> 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.**

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water

**from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup> 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.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
**let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
**for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

## Lighting of Advent candle

#34 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel verse 3

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

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

**+Verse:** page 62

### +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? <sup>8</sup>Bear 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. <sup>9</sup>Even 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."

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

<sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers 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."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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."

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

### +Hymn of the Day

#423 Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

**+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 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**

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## OFFERING

**+Offertory:** page 67 (What Shall I Render)

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## Communion

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## Announcements and Blessings

**+Sending Hymn:** WOV #626 People, Look East

**+Dismissal:** page 74

## Postlude

+Please stand as you are able  
WOV – With One Voice (Blue book)

## Announcements:

Offering Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - \$1,205 and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – \$1,516  
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.
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 till 5.
- Happy Birthday to Ryan Hengst, Jennifer Custer, Chelsea Dawson and Yvette Hawn.

- Regular exercise group, Monday & Thursday  
6:30 at St. Peter's. All are welcome.

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