

## 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.

January 3, 2016

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

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## Prelude

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+**Opening Hymn:**

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+**Prayer of the Day:**

**P** Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20**

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

**Praise your God, O Zion!**

13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

**he blesses your children within you.**

14 He grants peace within your borders;

**he fills you with the finest of wheat.**

15 He sends out his command to the earth;

**his word runs swiftly.**

16 He gives snow like wool;

**he scatters frost like ashes.**

17 He hurls down hail like crumbs

**who can stand before his cold?**

18 He sends out his word, and melts them;

**he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.**

19 He declares his word to Jacob,

**his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

**they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

**+GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**+Hymn of the Day**

**+Apostles' Creed** page 105

**+Prayers:**

A Filled with joy at the birth of the one sent to save us, let us offer our prayers to God who gives us peace and hope.

*A brief silence.*

A Merciful giver, as you lavishly pour upon us the riches of your grace, cause us to overflow in thanks, offering hope to a world caught in the clutches of sin and death. God of our salvation,

**C have mercy and hear us.**

A We pray for the world and its peoples, that this new year may be one of greater prosperity for those who are poor, increased justice for those who lack it, and a full measure of peace for all. God of our salvation,

**C have mercy and hear us.**

A We pray for all who journey in the wilderness of grief, despair, and sickness (*especially*). Transform their mourning to dancing, give them gladness for their sorrow, and guide us in ministering to those who call upon you. God of our salvation,

**C have mercy and hear us.**

A We pray for this congregation, your adopted sons and daughters in this place who have been marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. Help us find strength to give up worldly desires for the sake of all whom you love. God of our salvation,

**C have mercy and hear us.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A We bless you for the saints who set their hope on you and now rest in your loving arms (*especially*). May their witness lead us also to live and die for the praise of your glory. God of our salvation,

**C have mercy and hear us.**

P Grant us these prayers, almighty Father, in the name of your Word made flesh dwelling among us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.       **C Amen**

**+Peace: page 106**

## **OFFERING**

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

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## **Communion**

**+Post Communion Canticle:**

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## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## 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

## Announcements:

Next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29,  
Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

- 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.
- Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. See you then!
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Messiah Congregational meeting after church. Covered dish.
- Happy Birthday to Linda Humphrey, Daniel Knisely, Dennis Baldinger, Jeanne Bence, Burton Monsour and Bill Baumgardner Jr.
- Happy Anniversary to Carl & Sue Weyant.

Non-perishable food items are being collected at St. Peter’s and will be delivered to New Paris food bank