

## 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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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## Prelude

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+**Opening Hymn:**

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+**Prayer of the Day:**

**P** O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in

the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on

the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 97**

1 The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
**let the many coastlands be glad!**

2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
**righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

3 Fire goes before him,  
**and consumes his adversaries on every side.**

4 His lightnings light up the world;  
**the earth sees and trembles.**

5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
**before the Lord of all the earth.**

6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
**and all the peoples behold his glory.**

7 All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
**all gods bow down before him.**

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
**because of your judgments, O God.**

9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
**he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light dawns for the righteous,  
**and joy for the upright in heart.**

12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
**and give thanks to his holy name!**

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says,

"Surely I am coming soon.

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.  
Amen.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

**+GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

<sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**+Hymn of the Day**

**+Apostles' Creed** page 105

**+Prayers:**

A Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us remember in prayer the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Blessed are you, for you are love itself, and Christ is the morning star. Abundantly bless your whole church in witness and service, in faith and joy, in love and compassion. For this we pray:

**C Hear us, living God.**

A Blessed are you, for the whole world is yours. Help those who are oppressed to find peaceful paths to justice, that all may live in peace and prosperity. For this we pray:

**C Hear us, living God.**

A Blessed are you, for you are the tree of life. Shelter those in any need, especially widows and orphans, the dying and the grieving, and those who are ill (*especially*). For this we pray:

**C Hear us, living God.**

A Blessed are you, for you are the water of life and the hope of Paul and Silas. Inspire this parish by their witness that through our own witness many more may be baptized and come to faith. For this we pray:

**C Hear us, living God.**

A Blessed are you, our guardian and judge. Guide the minds and hearts of police officers, prison guards, and all who work to enforce our laws, that they may be just and compassionate; and keep them in safety. For this we pray:

**C Hear us, living God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Blessed are you, for you are host at the heavenly marriage feast. Come and gather the church together with Ludwig Nommensen, missionary, (*other names*), and all the saints, that at the last we may dine with you in the banquet hall. For this we pray:

**C Hear us, living God.**

P With alleluias in our hearts and on our lips we commend to your care all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

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## **OFFERING**

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

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## **Announcements and Blessings**

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## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

## **Announcements:**

May 15<sup>th</sup> Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, 25-27

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.

- Parish Council meeting Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at Messiah. Messiah Council meeting at 6:00.
- Happy Birthday to Minnie Clark, Jane Antonson, Jennifer Way, Julie Barefoot, Julie Deffibaugh, Tina Henderson, Jamie Humphrey, Todd Kagarise, Mark Way, Joshua Frazier, Lisa Rowley, Thomas J. Osman and Karen Waybright
- Happy Anniversary to Mike & Shelly Peterson.

Prayers & deepest sympathy to the Family & friends of Charlene Mock.

## **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.

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

