

Those for Whom We Pray

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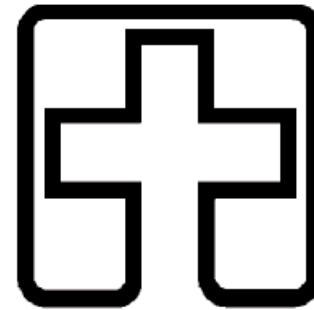
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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

April 24, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn: #383 Rise Up, O Saints of God

+Greeting: page 57

+ Hymn of Praise page 60 (This is the Feast)

+Salutation: page 62

+Prayer of the Day:

P O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single 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; through 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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹"At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

PSALM: Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
4 Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
6 He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
8 fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
10 Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

+Verse: page 62

+GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer.

You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

#397 O Zion, Haste

+Apostles' Creed page 65

+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 give the gift of faith. Through the ministries of your whole church, extend the promise of your covenant to all peoples. For this we pray:

C Hear us, living God.

A Blessed are you, for you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Extend your reign over the nations of the world and conform this weary world to your will. For this we pray:

C Hear us, living God.

A Blessed are you, for in Christ you have conquered death. Give peace and comfort to those in pain, illness, or mourning (*especially*), assuring them of the promise of resurrection for all of our lives. For this we pray:

C Hear us, living God.

A Blessed are you, for your Son gave a new commandment to love one another. Grant that this congregation may be found faithful to this commandment, serving one another as Christ. For this we pray:

C Hear us, living God.

A Blessed are you, for your own love is reflected within loving families. Bless all mothers, and all who serve a mothering role towards those in their care. Give them joy in their relationships. For this we pray:

C Hear us, living God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Blessed are you, for through the resurrection we see the promise of a new heaven and new earth. Bring us together with all your saints into the New Jerusalem.

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: page 67 (What Shall I Render)

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Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

Offering April 17th - \$657.00

May 1st Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Rev. 21:10, 22--22:5,
John 14:23-29

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.

- Regular exercise group, Monday & Thursday 6:30 at St. Peter's. All are welcome.
- Parish Mother – Daughter banquet is Wednesday, May 4th, 6:00 at Slick's Ivy Stone. Call Mary Bowser 276-3748 with # attending.
- Happy Birthday to Troy Hershberger, Stevie Domonkos, A.J. Johnson, Kevin Miller, Ellamay Barefoot, John Henderson, W. Hudson Barefoot, Laura Hershberger and Janis Hillegass.

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 – 1st Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1st Sunday after the service

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

St. Peter's Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 6:00

Messiah Council Meeting – 2nd Sunday 6:00

Comforting Friends – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday