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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 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Prelude

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+Opening Hymn:

#315 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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+Prayer of the Day:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;

the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

until the moon is no more.

- 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Lighting of Advent candle WOV #630 Light One Candle... v.2

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰ and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹ and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says,

> "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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+GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight."

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

#36 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

+Nicene Creed page 64

+Prayers:

A As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God; that all divisions and disagreements cease, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the earth and its creatures, for animals of every size, for plants that provide shade and nourishment; that we see God's goodness revealed in every living thing, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the nations and those in authority, for police officers and firefighters, for social workers and attorneys; that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the poor, the meek, the unwelcomed, those suffering from malaria and HIV/AIDS, the sick and the bereaved; that they experience Christ embodied in healthcare workers and caregiviers, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those traveling and those absent from this gathering, for those serving in the military, for those preparing for baptism, and for our congregation; that in all we do we praise and glorify God, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered

A In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have died in Christ (especially the theologian John of Damascus); that they show us the way of hope through the incarnate Word, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to You, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

C Amen

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OFFERING

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Announcements:

December 11th – Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11 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 9:00am and at St. Peter's at 10:15am. If you want Communion, contact Pastor Donna.

- Anyone wishing to teach Children's Sunday School at St. Peter's from November 27th through January 28th, please speak to Jennifer.
- Christmas play practice will be held today & Dec. 11th, 3-4p.m at St. Peter's. All children welcome.
- St. Peter's Women will be serving brunch after church on December 11th. Everyone is welcome.
- Messiah and the Dutch Corner History Group invite everyone to our old fashioned Christmas Carol Sing at 2:00pm on Sunday Dec. 11 at Messiah. We'll sing old carols along with some favorite hymns and then enjoy some old time refreshments after the Sing.
- Parish Election, Sunday, December 18th, after church at Messiah.
- Bible Study will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 2-3:30 starting in January 2017.
- Happy Birthday to Byron Draeger, Erica Antonson, Doris Draeger, Joann Hammond, Crystal Musselman, Addison Grace Osman, Connie Biselx, Roy Claycomb & Denise Kagarise

• Happy Anniversary to David & Lynda Miller.

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 – 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

Exercise Group – Monday & Thursday 6:30 at St. Peter's

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

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday