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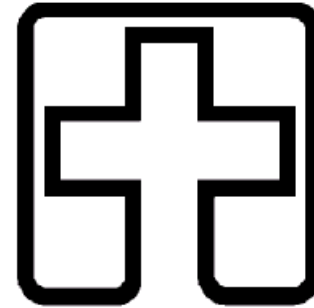
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### St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

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

December 11, 2016

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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## Prelude

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn: #35 Hark the Glad Sound

+Greeting: page 57

+Kyrie: page 57

+Salutation: page 62

### +Prayer of the Day:

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10**

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God,**  
6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in  
them;  
**who keeps faith forever;**  
7 who executes justice for the oppressed;  
**who gives food to the hungry.**  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**the Lord loves the righteous.**  
9 The Lord watches over the strangers;  
**he upholds the orphan and the widow, but  
the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**  
10 The Lord will reign forever,  
**your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise  
the Lord!**

**Lighting of Advent candle**

**WOV #630 Light One Candle... v.3**

**SECOND READING: James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged.

See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**+Verse:** page 62

**+GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

+Hymn of the Day #67 Away In a Manger

+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 and all messengers of the gospel, for all who call upon the name of the Lord, and for congregations throughout the world; that God work through us to bring harmony and reconciliation, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For rain forests and deserts, for wilderness and developed land, and for plants blossoming and dormant; that the splendor and diversity of creation proclaim the glory of the Lord, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For our government, for the military and international relief workers, and for those who care for the stranger, widow, and orphan; that God raise up leaders who work for the protection of all, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the hungry and homeless, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for the sick (*especially*); that those who help others serve with patience and grace, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For all who call this community home, for those visiting from near and far, for those preparing for the holiday season, that the advent of Christ make our hearts and mind rejoice, let us pray

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A In thanksgiving for the departed who were faithful to God's word; that their words and actions direct us to the one who prepares a way for us, 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**

**+Peace:** page 66

## **OFFERING**

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

**+Offertory Prayer** page 67

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## **Communion**

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## **Announcements and Blessings**

**+Sending Hymn**  
WOV #723 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**+Dismissal:** page 74

**Postlude** +Please stand as you are able  
WOV With One Voice (blue book)

## **Announcements:**

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19,  
Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

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.

- The Children's Christmas Program will be Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 at St. Peter's. There will be punch and cookies afterwards as well as a visit from Santa.
- Anyone wishing to teach Children's Sunday School at St. Peter's from November 27<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup>, please speak to Jennifer.
- Christmas play practice will be held today 3-4p.m at St. Peter's. All children welcome.
- St. Peter's Women will be serving brunch after church today. Everyone is welcome.
- Messiah and the Dutch Corner History Group invite everyone to our old fashioned Christmas Carol Sing at 2:00pm today at Messiah. We'll sing old carols along with some favorite hymns and then enjoy some old time refreshments.
- Parish Election, Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, after church at Messiah.
- Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 2-3:30 starting in January 2017.
- Happy Birthday to Ernie Draeger, Ryan Hengst, and Jennifer Custer.

## **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

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

Comforting Friends – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed  
Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday