

Those for Whom We Pray

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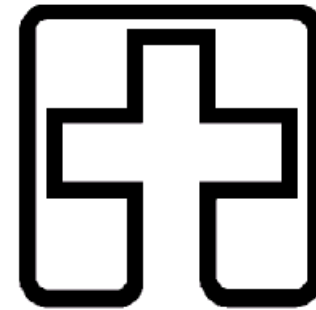
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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

January 1, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn:

#50 Angels from the Realms of Glory

+Greeting: page 57

+Kyrie: page 57

+Salutation: page 62

+Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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: Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

+Verse: page 62

+GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they
are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day WOV #701 What Feast of Love

+Nicene Creed page 64

+Prayers:

A Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation

A brief silence.

A Merciful God, make your presence known throughout your church in all its different forms. Guide preachers and teachers to proclaim the work you do in this and every place. Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

A You created the earth and all it contains. Send rain and snow to parched places so that plants and animals thrive. Direct us to be good stewards of all that you create. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A You heal what is broken and make all things new. Grant peace in war-torn nations (*especially*), diplomatic wisdom to leaders and end the torment of violence, so that all people live in safety and security. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A You call us as your children and comfort us in our afflictions. Bring patience to the distressed, compassion to the grieving, and relief to the suffering (*especially*), so that all experience your loving care. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A You gather us together and feed us with your word and sacrament. Send us forth to make your name known to all in our community by serving our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A You give us examples of Christlike living through the witness of the faithful departed. As your beloved called on the name of Jesus throughout their lives, inspire us to call upon Him in joy and in need. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen

+Peace: page 66

OFFERING

+Offertory: page 67 (What Shall I Render)

+Offertory Prayer page 67

+Great Thanksgiving pages 68-71

+Lord's Prayer: page 71

Communion

+Post Communion Canticle:
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+Post Communion Prayer: page 74

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Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn #60 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

+Dismissal: page 74

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

Announcements:

January 8th - Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43,
Matthew 3:13-17

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.

- Offering for St. Peter's on 12/18/16 was \$826.80. This included additional monies from the brunch and wreath which the Ladies Group matched for a total of \$266.00 from that fundraiser.
- St. Peter's will be having its annual budget meeting and council elections immediately after church on Sunday, January 15.
- Next Bloodmobile is Wednesday, February 1st, 12:30-6 at St. Peter's.
- Bible Study will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 2-3:30 starting in January 2017.
- Happy Birthday to Lindy McDonald, Linda Humphrey, Daniel Knisely, Dennis Baldinger, and Jeanne Bence.
- Happy Anniversary to Carl & Sue Weyant.

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