

### Those for Whom We Pray

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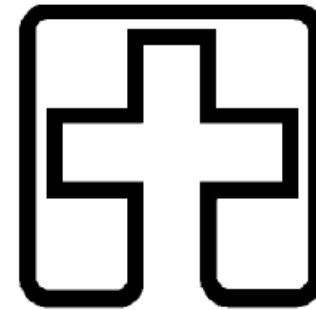
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## St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

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

March 26, 2017

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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## Prelude

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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### +Opening Hymn:

#424 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

### +Greeting: page 57

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### +Prayer of the Day:

**P** Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have

come to sacrifice to the Lord." 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the

presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd,

**I shall not want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;

**he leads me beside still waters;**

3 he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

8 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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### **+GOSPEL: John 9:1-41**

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

#### +Hymn of the Day

#423 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

#### +Creed p.64 or 65

#### +Prayers:

A Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God of the ages, as your church prepares your table for all to celebrate in one holy meal, restore the unity of those who gather in your name. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You shed light on your creation. Let the changing seasons bring forth growth and new life from what was dormant and fallow. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Shine your light on the people of every nation. Reveal your reconciling love in places where fear and conflict thrive (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusing times, bring healing to those in painful times, bring peace to those in trying times. (*We pray especially for...*) Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Restore, renew, and enliven the ministry and work of this congregation. Help us to see your purpose clearly. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A We remember and give thanks for those who have joined you in eternal light. Let their lives of faith shine in our hearts and guide our paths. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our 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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## **Announcements and Blessings**

**+Sending Hymn** #221 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**+Dismissal:** page 74

**Postlude** +Please stand as you are able

## **Announcements:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11,  
John 11:1-45

Offering March 19<sup>th</sup> - \$563

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.

- Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 2-3:30.
- Exercise group 6:30 in St. Peter's social hall, every Monday & Thursday. Come & join the fun.
- Messiah Fundraiser / Tupperware, contact Bonnie Rae Harclerode 623-6386 / orders need to be in **TODAY**. Catalog located in Messiah and St. Peter's / thank you for helping us with our fundraiser.
- Adopt-A-Highway Trash Crew pick up is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. Rain Date is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend.
- Happy Birthday to Grant Weyant, Sherrie Holderbaum, Joshua Ickes, Jody Lund, Ashley Stoudnour, Breely Clapper, Carol Domonkos, Nancy Hinson and Troy Bowser.
- Happy Anniversary to Sheldon & Joyce Corle.

## **Buck-a-Chick**

The women of St. Peter's will be selling paper chicks after church service.

You can purchase a chick for \$1.00, in memory, in honor or for yourself. Proceeds benefit ELCA Good Gifts. Your donation will provide families living in poverty with chicks for a source of eggs, food and income.

### **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