

Those for Whom We Pray

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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

Messiah, Bedford – 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prelude

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+**Prayer of the Day:**

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM: Psalm 65:1-13

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

2 O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

6 By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

7 You silence the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed
by your signs;

**you make the gateways of the morning and
the evening shout for joy.**

9 You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;

**you provide the people with grain, for so you
have prepared it.**

10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
**softening it with showers, and blessing its
growth.**

11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the
valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of
life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin
and of death. 3 For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his
own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal
with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the
just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not according to the flesh but according to

the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh
set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those
who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the
things of the Spirit.

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the
mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason
the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it
does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and
those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,
since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who
does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to
him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead
because of sin, the Spirit is life because of
righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus
from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ
from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

+Gospel Acclamation: page 102

+GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat
beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around
him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the
whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them
many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went
out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the
path, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!"

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Apostles' Creed page 105

+Prayers:

A Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's World.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, we give thanks for your living word that goes out and does not return empty. Make your church a partner in accomplishing what you desire. Unite us in faith, witness, and mission. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A For land, creatures, and people suffering from drought, that gentle rain bring life and hope. For mountains, hills, and the trees of the field, that all creation clap for joy. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A For nations suffering the violence and hunger of war (*especially*). For exiles and refugees. Lead them home in peace and bless them with your fullness. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A For victims and perpetrators of race-based crime. For all who suffer sorrow, illness, or injury (*especially*). Bring them justice, healing, and new life by the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A For this congregation and its leaders; through our shared work, let your word prosper among us and bring life to the community beyond our doors. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered

A In thanksgiving for all who have died recently, for strangers and dear ones who have blessed our lives and sparked our hope (*especially*). Give comfort & confidence to all who mourn. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

+Peace: page 106

OFFERING

+Offertory: hymn #182 (Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord)

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Communion

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+Sending Hymn

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Postlude

+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

July 23rd - Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17,
Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

- We are once again collecting shoes for the "Sole for Souls" project. Please donate your gently used shoes of all types, starting in August. Spread the word!!!
- Parish Picnic, August 6th, noon at St. Peter's. Hot dogs provided, sign-up sheet for covered dishes. There will be games & prizes, plan to attend! Everyone is welcome.
- Reminder: Please donate inexpensive gifts that will be used as prizes on the day of our Parish picnic.
- Happy Birthday to Annie Feather, Scott Dapper, Robert Bowser, Debbie Brady, Christopher Ickes, and Charles Maxwell.

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

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

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday