

## 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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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## Prelude

### +Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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### +Opening Hymn:

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### +Prayer of the Day:

**P** O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen**

### FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'" Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' 19 But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

### PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all his benefits—**
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
**who heals all your diseases,**
- 4 who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**
- 6 The Lord works vindication  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
**his acts to the people of Israel.**

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

9 He will not always accuse,  
**nor will he keep his anger forever.**

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**

12 as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

13 As a father has compassion for his children,  
**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike.

Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. 7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. 11 For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' 12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

## **+GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him

over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **+Hymn of the Day**

### **+Apostles' Creed** page 105

### **+Prayers:**

A            Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A            Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations in our community. Unite us in the proclamation of your life-giving gospel. Lord, in your mercy.

**C            Hear our prayer.**

A            Creator God, you spoke light into being, you separated the waters, you formed the dry land. Protect and enliven the creation you so love, and make us willing partners in its care. Lord, in your mercy.

**C            Hear our prayer.**

A God of the nations, you love all tribes, peoples, and languages. We pray for all who govern. Give them wise and generous hearts for those they serve. Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Divine Healer, calm the anxiety of those who are wrongly accused, who suffer under crushing debt, or who are in prison. Reassure those who are lonely, impatient, brokenhearted, homebound, hospitalized, or ill (especially). Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray for this assembly; for our guests and visitors, for newcomers to this community, for those who are certain and those who doubt, and for all who seek you in this place. Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A We remember and give thanks for the faithful of every age who did not live to themselves but lived to you (*especially Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen*). Raise us with them on the last day. Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ, and the gifts of the Spirit.

**C Amen**

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## **OFFERING**

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+Please stand as you are able

## **Announcements:**

September 24<sup>th</sup> - Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8,  
Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

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 interested in participating in a Corn Hole League once a week for the months of Oct., Nov., March and April – there is a sign up sheet on bulletin board.
- 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!!!
- Happy Birthday to Chris Buck, Dawnelle Miller, Charlee Sue Ickes, and Melanie McDonald.
- Happy Anniversary to John & Julie Deffibaugh, and Chuck & Betty Johnstone.

## **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

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

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