

## 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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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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## Prelude

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+**Prayer of the Day:**

**P** God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

1 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? 3 As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

4 Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

25 Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 26 When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. 27 Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. 28 Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O Lord,  
**I lift up my soul.**
- 2 O my God, in you I trust;  
**do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**
- 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
**let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
**teach me your paths.**
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
**for you I wait all day long.**
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
**according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord;  
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,  
**and teaches the humble his way.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

**+GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**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 We pray for the mission of the gospel. Unite your church in its proclamation and witness. Let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, you provide daily for our nourishment. Bless fields and orchards, oceans and lakes, birds and animals, insects and fish. Sustain those who harvest your life-sustaining bounty. Help us share the gifts you have freely given. Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of the nations, give all your people the mind of Christ. Guide national and international leaders to advocate for policies that look to the interests of the most vulnerable. Humble us when we question your mercy toward those who are different from us. Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Self-emptying God, stir up compassion for those in need. Send your Spirit to those who are in crisis, troubled, weary, or discouraged. (*We pray especially for...*) Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray for our congregation and community. Guide our deliberations over difficult decisions. Strengthen our commitment to our ministries (*here specific congregational ministries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints whose tongues confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. Keep us confident in your promises until we join them in endless praise. 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:**

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.

- Exercise Group will begin October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in St. Peter's social hall. It will be held on Mondays & Thursdays, unless otherwise announced. Everyone is welcome.
- The Cornhole League will begin on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Teams and schedules will be posted today on bulletin board
- Messiah Hoss's/Marzoni's Dinner Kit Fundraiser orders due Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, delivery Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Envelopes are available at Messiah to give donations for the roofing fund during October.
- Happy Birthday to Rick College, Trinette Drenning, Jennifer Diehl, Jase Deffibaugh, Bethany Barefoot, Ray Corle and Owen Knisely.
- Happy Anniversary to Thomas & Mary Kay Osman and Scott & Kelly Dapper.

## **September Financial Statement**

Income \$2,587 Additional \$450 – quilt fundraiser  
Expenses \$2,906 George Beckett \$7,900 for S.S. roof  
September coins & match \$123.89

## **Reformation Anniversary Synod Events**

Reformation Festival, Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Park, Hollidaysburg, 2-8 p.m. A day filled with food, fellowship, musical performances, kids' games and activities, craft and assorted vendors, and a candlelight worship service that begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free to the festival; if you want to purchase a chicken BBQ dinner, tickets are \$10 each & need to be reserved prior to the event. Contact the synod office 814-942-1042.

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at Trinity, Bedford, Anyone who would like to sing with the Anthem Choir at the 11 a.m. Liturgy is welcome to join us. The anthem will be "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah". Please join us for 2 rehearsals Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. The reception at 9:45 a.m. includes refreshments, special music by the children, and simple kid's lesson & craft for all children (in place of Sunday School). St. Clairsville Parish will have services as usual for anyone who would rather be "at home". Pastor will not be offended in any way if all of you choose to be at Trinity.

500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, First Lutheran, Altoona, Prelude begins at 2:50 p.m., Worship Service begins at 3 p.m.

Reformation Day Prayer Services, Tues. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Service of prayer on Reformation Day sponsored by churches across our Synod.

All Saints Service: "First Day of the next 500", Zion Lutheran, Johnstown service begins at 7p.m.

## **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