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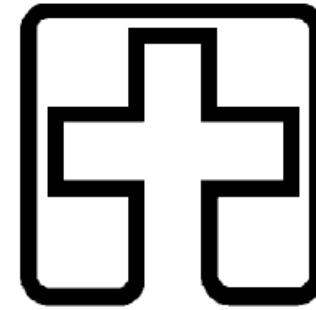
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## St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

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

December 3, 2017

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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## **Prelude**

### **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:**

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**+Opening Hymn:** #32 Fling Wide the Door

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**+Salutation:** page 62

### **+Prayer of the Day:**

**P** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection waken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9**

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine forth 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin  
and Manasseh.**

Stir up your might,  
**and come to save us!**

3 Restore us, O God;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

4 O Lord God of hosts,  
**how long will you be angry with your  
people's prayers?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
**and given them tears to drink in full  
measure.**

6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
**our enemies laugh among themselves.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right  
hand,  
**the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

18 Then we will never turn back from you;  
**give us life, and we will call on your name.**

19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**+GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

## Sermon

### +Hymn of the Day

#315 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

### +Creed p.64 or 65

### +Prayers:

A Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

*A brief silence.*

A Give light to your people, Lord. As the darkness grows and we await the return of daylight, give new life to your church. Shape our communities to be faithful vessels of the gospel for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Restore your creation, Lord. You give the earth opportunities for both sleep and awakening. Thank you for the gift of restful seasons so new life may grow according to your appointed time. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Bring peace to the nations, Lord. Keep us alert to injustice and guide world leaders toward fairness and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Stir up compassion in us for all who wait for you. Be near to those whose lives are shaken, those who are experiencing loss, those who long for healing and wholeness, those who live with HIV and Aids, and those who are in any kind of need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray for child care workers, teachers, Sunday school leaders and all who nurture and educate children. We give you thanks for their diligence and devotion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A From ages past, your faithfulness has never failed. Shine your face upon us and bring us into the company of all your saints in light (*especially the missionary Frances Xavier*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

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## **OFFERING**

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## **Postlude**

+Please stand as you are able

**WOV** – With One Voice (blue book)

NOTICE Anyone who works with children, representing St. Peter's, needs to have copies of clearances on file with the council. This is required by the Allegheny Synod of the ELCA and Pennsylvania State Law. Please have copies of your clearances turned in by January 1, 2018.

If you would like a copy of the details and instructions for obtaining the needed documents, they are available from Pastor Donna. The clearances for volunteers are simpler than those needed for employment.

## 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

Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1-2:30 at St. Peter’s

Exercise Group Mondays & Thursdays, 6:30 at St. Peter’s

Corn Hole Tournaments Wednesdays, 6:00 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

- Happy Birthday to Byron Draeger, Erica Antonson, Doris Draeger, Joann Hammond, Crystal; Musselman, Addison Grace Osman, Connie Bixel, Roy Claycomb and Denise Kagarise.

## Announcements:

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13,  
2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Offering November 26<sup>th</sup> - \$1,126.98

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.

- St. Peter’s Women’s Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 at the church. More info to follow... The date change is due to the Bloodmobile at the church on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to the Corn hole League Champions Tom Ickes, Dawn Claar and Carrie Corle. We will be starting up again the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There will be a signup sheet in back of church. We managed to collect over \$100 in donations too!
- Everyone is invited to a Christmas Hymn/Carol Sing on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:00pm at Messiah, co-hosted by Messiah and the Dutch Corner History Group. Refreshments will be served following the singing. Come and enjoy your favorite Holiday Songs with us.