

Those for Whom We Pray

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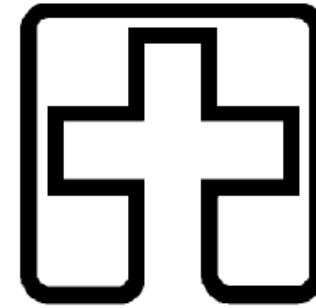
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St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

December 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

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+Opening Hymn:

WOV #627 My Lord, What a Morning

+Greeting: page 57

+Kyrie: page 57

+Salutation: page 62

+Prayer of the Day:

P Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;

3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. 4 They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

8 For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

PSALM: Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
 we were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our
tongue with shouts of joy;
 **then it was said among the nations, "The
 Lord has done great things for them."**
3 The Lord has done great things for us,
 and we rejoiced.
4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
 like the watercourses in the Negeb.
5 May those who sow in tears
 reap with shouts of joy.
6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for
sowing,
 **shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying
 their sheaves.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

p. 34 O Come, O Come Emmanuel v. 3

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise the words of prophets, 21 but test
everything; hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain from
every form of evil. 23 May the God of peace himself
sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and
body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do
this.

+Verse: page 62

+GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was
John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself
was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
19 This is the testimony given by John when the
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask
him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed and did not
deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." 21
And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"
He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He
answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are
you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us.
What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make
straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah
said. 24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.
25 They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if
you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the
prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with
water. Among you stands one whom you do not
know, 27 the one who is coming after me; I am not
worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." 28 This
took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John
was baptizing.

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

#36 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

+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 Guiding Lord, bless church leaders, volunteers, teachers, musicians, acolytes, deacons, pastors, seminarians, and those discerning a call to ministry.

Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Creating God, protect Earth's wilderness, especially where the lands are isolated and unexplored. Watch over all living creatures who remain free from human exploitation. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Prince of Peace, send us your Spirit of unity, so that justice may spring up among the nations. Give us the will to repair the broken systems that perpetuate injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Merciful God, comfort your children who are mourning, bind up the brokenhearted, and heal our wounds. We pray for those homeless or imprisoned, refugees, those who struggle with addiction or mental illness, and all in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Lord of justice, strengthen and increase the ministry of food pantries, meal service deliveries, employment training programs, and advocacy for equity among all classes and races. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered

A Eternal God, clothe us in your garments of salvation, so that together we may rejoice in your presence with the saints who have died and with those unable to be with us today. 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

+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:
page 72 (Thank the Lord)

+Post Communion Prayer: page 74

+Benediction: page 74

Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn #70 Go Tell It On the Mountain

+Dismissal: page 74

Postlude

+Please stand as you are able
WOV With One Voice (blue book)

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

Bible Study 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1-2:30 at St. Peter's

Exercise Group Mondays & Thursdays, 6:30 at St. Peter's
Comforting Friends – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity Reformed
Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday

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.

Announcements:

December 24th - 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:46b-55,
Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Offering December 10th - \$1,808.00

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.

- Christmas Eve Services
Messiah – 6:00
St. Peter's – 7:30
- 40,000 can challenge Synod current total 1,956
- Happy Birthday to Jennifer Custer, Chelsea Dawson, Yvette Hahn, Ken Corle, Donna Miller, Simon Montgomery Osman, Collin James Osman, Pat Clemson and Magaly Ickes.
- Happy Anniversary to Galen & Tina Henderson and Dean & Kathy Claycomb.

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Corn hole signup sheets are in back of churches. It will be held on Thursdays at 6:30, and exercise will be Mon. & Wed. at 6:30. Starting 2018, a \$1 donation is requested when attending either.