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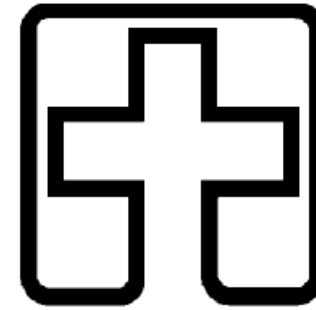
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## St. Clairsville Lutheran Parish

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

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

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

December 31, 2017

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

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## **Prelude**

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

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### **+Opening Hymn:**

#50 Angels, From the Realms of Glory

### **+Greeting:** page 57

### **+Kyrie:** page 57

### **+Salutation:** page 62

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

**P** Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

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.

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. 2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**PSALM: Psalm 148**

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights!**
- 2 Praise him, all his angels;  
**praise him, all his host!**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;  
**praise him, all you shining stars!**
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens,  
**and you waters above the heavens!**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for he commanded and they were created.**
- 6 He established them forever and ever;  
**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**you sea monsters and all deeps,**
- 8 fire and hail, snow and frost,  
**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
- 9 Mountains and all hills,  
**fruit trees and all cedars!**
- 10 Wild animals and all cattle,  
**creeping things and flying birds!**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**princes and all rulers of the earth!**
- 12 Young men and women alike,  
**old and young together!**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
**his glory is above earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
**for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7**

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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**+GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40**

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not

see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

## Sermon

**+Hymn of the Day** WOV #701 What Feast of Love

**+Creed** p.64 or 65

### +Prayers:

A Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ's promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A For the faith communities of this town and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care. Give us lively imaginations to see ways to conserve its limited resources, harness its renewable energies, and conform ourselves to its natural goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts. Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

A For those who wait in the shadow of death, for those who are ill, for those who struggle to see the future, and for all who lack even basic needs. Transform our love toward them with the vision of eyes that have seen the salvation of God. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For those who cannot see, for those who cannot hear, for those who have varied use of their limbs, and for those able to exercise all the senses. Help us to appreciate the fullness of God's gift of life in our varied abilities, and to celebrate the diversity that reveals a more complete image of the one who make us all family. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

A We give thanks for those who have gone before us in this year and now rest in you (*especially*). Led by Mary and Joseph, Anna and Simeon, let us live in your praise until the day we depart in your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.

**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)

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## **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 – 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 & Wednesdays, 6:30 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

### Announcements:

January 7<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29,  
Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

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.

- 40,000 can challenge Synod current total 1,956
- Happy Birthday to Lindy McDonald, Linda Humphrey and Daniel Knisely.

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.