

Those for Whom We Pray

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Tom Shaffer	Linda Greathouse	Danelle Blough
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If you have any changes for the prayer list, please call the office.
Thank you.

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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.

September 9, 2012

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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Prelude

+Brief Order for Confession and

Forgiveness: page 94

+Gathering Song:

+Greeting: page 98

+Song of Praise #848

+Prayer of the Day:

☐ Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM: Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!*

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have
my being.**

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of
earth,* **for there is no | help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to
earth,*

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for
their help,*

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁵who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that |
is in them;*

who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

⁶who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens
the eyes | of the blind;*

**the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed
down;**

⁸the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for
the stranger;*

**he sustains the orphan and widow, but
frustrates the way | of the wicked.**

⁹The LORD shall | reign forever,*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you

have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Acclamation pg. 102

+ GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has

left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Children's Sermon

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day

+Apostles' Creed: page 105

+Prayers of Intercession:

☩ Claimed by Christ and filled with God's grace and hope, let us offer our prayers for the world, the church, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A God of justice, inspire the hearts of those who govern to work toward ending human suffering and to strive for fair working conditions for all. God of love, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A God of wisdom, open the ears of church leaders, that they would hear the voice of the church with fairness and in all things seek the guidance of your Holy Spirit. God of love, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A God of creation, guide the minds of teachers and students to find ways of sharing and receiving knowledge that would bring honor to your divine creativity. God of love, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A God of service, may our efforts produce a bountiful harvest as we seek to be ambassadors of Christ in our local and global communities. God of love, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A God of comfort and care, in our concern for others, may we confidently bear words of hope to those in need (especially). God of love, **C** **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of the ages, you have welcomed at the heavenly banquet the saints and faithful who now rest in you. Grant us the hope that when our earthly

journey ends, we too would experience the feasting and joy of eternal life with you. God of love,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: hear these petitions of your faithful people as we present them before you; and by your grace, grant us those things you see that we need; for the sake of our sovereign redeemer, Jesus Christ our

Lord. **C** Amen

+**Peace:** page 106

OFFERING

+**Offertory: hymn #182**

(Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord)

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Announcements and Blessings

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+Please stand as you are able

Announcements:

- 🕒 Tuesday, 11 September 2012 10:00am: practice for those who are interested in learning some new music for possible future use in worship at St. Peter's.
- 🕒 We are determining if there is a sufficient amount of men in the parish interested in Bible study to sustain a weekly small group study. If you are a man who is interested in studying the Bible with six to twelve other men, please call the parsonage at 276-3036 and be identified as such. Time, date, frequency and location will be determined.
- 🕒 Messiah is selling Marianna's subs & pizzas Thursday, Sept. 27th. Contact Nancy Hinson 623-7323 or any Messiah member to order.
- 🕒 Thank you to everyone who helped and/or donated items for St. Peter's yard sale. The total amount to be divided equally between the food bank & to purchase oil for the church is \$844.76.
- 🕒 The new Voter ID law requires a valid driver's license or passport to vote. For more information call 1-866-687-8683.
- 🕒 Happy Birthday to Patricia Deffibaugh, Eva Miller, Joseph Felix, Ben Popp, Jim Winesickle, Joyce Corle, Ethel Deffibaugh, Travis Winesickle.
- 🕒 Happy Anniversary to William & Sara Ford.

Monthly Schedule

Outreach Sunday – 1st Sunday

St. Peter's WELCA meeting – 1st Sunday

Parish Council meeting – 2nd Sunday 7:00

Healing Hearts spousal bereavement support group –
2nd Wednesday 7:00 at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Council meeting - 3rd Monday

Comforting Friends – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity
Reformed Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4th Tuesday

New Paris Food Bank
Pick up dates

MONDAY

September 17th

October 15th

November 12th

December 17th