

### **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.

December 15, 2013

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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## Prelude

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

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+**Opening Hymn:**

+**Greeting:** page 98

+**Kyrie:** page 98

+**Prayer of the Day:**

P Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then 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;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Lighting of Advent Candle: #257 stanza 3**

**PSALM: Psalm 146:4-9** (Psalm 146:5-10 NRSV)

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

**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;\*

**who keeps his promise forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,\*

**and food to those who hunger.**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;\*

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

<sup>9</sup>the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;\*

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

<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,\*

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

**SECOND READING: James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one

another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**+Gospel Acclamation:** page 102

**+Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

#### +Hymn of the Day

+Apostles' Creed: page 105

#### +Prayers:

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

A Like streams in the desert, may the church everywhere overflow with bold proclamation and loving service for the sake of the world. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like the blind made to see, may the eyes of world leaders and of each of us be opened to the plight of those who live in warring nations, those who are victims of natural disasters, and those who live without hope. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like those who followed John the Baptist, may we heed the voices of prophets who are courageous in their witness to the word and will of God, lifting up justice above comfort and the poor above the rich.

O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like the lame who leap as a deer, may those who suffer be renewed. Comfort those who are ill or in special need (*especially*). O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Like the wilderness that rejoices with singing, may this congregation proclaim the glory of the Lord through art and music. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A In unity with the redeemed who now walk with God forever, we offer our thanks and praises for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). May we be inspired by their witness. O giver of hope,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

+Peace: page 106

## OFFERING

+Offertory: hymn #182 (Let the Vineyards Be  
Fruitful Lord)

+Offertory Prayer page 107

+Great Thanksgiving pages 107-108

+Lord's Prayer: page 112

## Communion

+Post Communion Canticle:  
#313 O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

+Post Communion Prayer: page 114

+Benediction: page 114

## Announcements and Blessings

+Sending Hymn

+Dismissal: page 115

## Postlude

+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, and Wednesday evening at 5:30pm at St. Peter's. Sunday School classes meet at Messiah at 9:30am and at St. Peter's at 10:15am.
- Practice for the Christmas program 6:00 tonight at St. Peter's.
- Christmas program is Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 at St. Peter's.
- Christmas Eve service December 24<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. at Messiah and 8:30 p.m. at St. Peter's.
- There will be **NO Quiet Hour** service on Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Happy Birthday to Ryan Hengst, Jennifer Custer, Chelsea Dawson, Yvette Hahn, Ken Corle, Donna Miller, Simon Montgomery Osman and Collin James Osman.
- Happy Anniversary to Galen & Tina Henderson and Dean & Kathy Claycomb.

Non-perishable food items are being collected at St. Peter's and will be delivered to New Paris food bank on Monday December 16

## **Monthly Schedule**

### **NEW WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULED**

Every Wednesday evening "Quiet Hour" service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the sanctuary of St. Peter's at 5:30 p.m.

Souper Wednesday - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6:00pm  
at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Bible Study every Thursday  
10-noon at Mary Kay Osman's

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

Comforting Friends – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 at Trinity  
Reformed Church, Osterburg

Messiah WELCA – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## **Bloodmobile at St. Peter's Dates for 2014**

January 15<sup>th</sup>

March 26<sup>th</sup>

May 28<sup>th</sup>

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please mark your calendars.  
We need donors & volunteers  
to keep this a successful bloodmobile