

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain
who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 7:00 pm

Announcements:

Thank you for your prayers while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. This collaborative effort is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street**. We are moving into a new phase, where we are trying to make the shelter a permanent resource to the Pottstown area. This will require a ton of summer work in order to reopen this fall. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers Collections from the Worship Table

- ✓ Lord, help us in our weakness to continue your work in our community. ~SW
- ✓ In the last 6 months our friend Jeff Reifsnyder has been dealing with more and more complications from ESLD (end-stage liver disease). Recently his doctors have told him that he is "starting on a downward spiral and moving closer to transplant." He has been dealing with bouts and jaundice and other things lately, and his doctors have taken driving privileges from him due to encephalopathy which causes a delayed response. Please keep them in prayer!

Your Prayer Reminders:

Next week... April 29, 2007: Easter 4 (Year C)

psalm 23, acts 9 .36-43, john 10 .22-30, & revelation 7 .9-17

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"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" **Psalm 23**

The Week of April 22st, 2007



from denial to diligence
Resurrecting Our Will

Worship

psalm 30

acts 9 .1-20

john 21 .1-19

revelation 5 .11-14

Easter 3 (Year C)

Our Mission

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

Benediction

[Worship]

revelation 5 .11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on

earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

“ **Meditation:**
He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.

(Acts 9 .4-6)



[The Scripture]

john 21 .14-19

14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said

to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

[Think & Pray...]

Reflection: "What was revealed to Saul was that God was not on the side of the religious and political authorities who had killed Jesus. On the contrary, God was on the side of the One who had been crucified as a blasphemer, who had been accused of being possessed by Beelzebul, who had been handed over as a traitor, an agitator, a pretender to the throne of David and a critic of the Temple...."

"On the road to Damascus Saul was faced with this conflict between these two images or beliefs about God. He was struck blind by it. It was his *kairos*. Saul became Paul when he accepted in faith that the true God was in Jesus and that the risen Lord was in the very people whom he had been persecuting."

In foreshadowing how Peter would die, the gospel of John actually says much more about the way Peter would live: in full obedience to the gospel. Like Paul, Peter found new life and freedom in his willingness to be bound by discipleship.