

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:**

**Church Work Day**

**Saturday May 5 from 9:00 am to 12:noon.**

We will be cleaning from the winter shelter; laundry, pantry stocking, sanitizing, and preparing for the work of renovation, and establishing the permanent shelter to begin in fall.

**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**. Continue to pray as we move into this new phase of permanency as a 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.

Let's enjoy the blessing of breaking bread together with our neighbors once again at the **Community Table**

**Tuesday May 1, 6:00pm at the Birdsboro Public Library.**

Main Dish to be provided by St. Mark's Lutheran and True Faith Holiness. Folks from other congregations may bring beverages, ice, vegetables, fruit, side dishes, desserts.



**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... May 6, 2007: Easter 5 (Year C)**

**psalm 148, john 13 .31-35, revelation 21 .1-6, & acts 11 .1-18**

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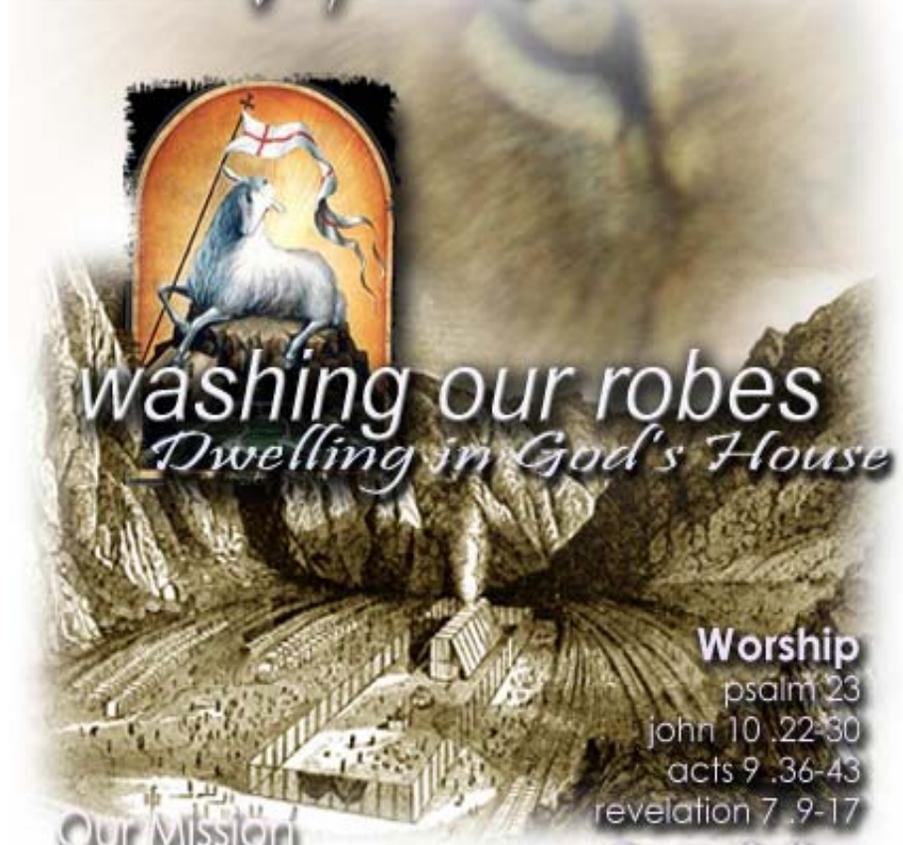
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"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" **Psalm 23**

*The Week of April 29th, 2007*



washing our robes  
*Dwelling in God's House*

**Worship**

psalm 23

john 10 .22-30

acts 9 .36-43

revelation 7 .9-17

**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]

## psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**“Meditation:** *‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life,...* (John 10.2b4–28a)

[The Scripture]

## john 10.22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

[Think & Pray...]

**Reflection:** "It is impossible to follow this shepherd without walking into pain—one's own as well as that of the world. It is impossible to follow without understanding the cross and the commandment to pour ourselves out for enemy and friend.

Revelation 7 holds forth the image of a throng gathered around the throne of the Lamb. As we read the passage, can we picture the faces of people we know? May we take comfort in the promise it offers for our journey:.

*...the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more... for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7.15–17)*

**Consider:** As we re-read Jesus' revelation in terms of the apocalyptic language employed, our cultural and learned veneer can be challenged to an uncomfortable decisional breaking-point, just as Judaism, Saul and those wanting to be freed from "Suspense." After all, our "belief" is on the line... How do we reflect the psalm 23 kingdom, both personally, and as a church body in light of this re-thinking and challenge to our traditional understanding of Gospel?