

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

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

William's Home Church

Monday Afternoons

61 N. Evans St. Pottstown, PA 19464

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

King St Commons Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Announcements:

We are starting Dinner and a Movie Night at Still Waters in April. We will show relevant movies to our pilgrimage over a pot-luck dinner with discussion and prayer afterward. Look for further information.

Prayer Requests:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless the NorCo Board of Supervisors and hinder them in offending the poor.

Next Week's Scriptures:

April 20, 2008

5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

psalm 31.1-8, 15-16, john 14.1-14,
acts 7.55-60, & 1 peter 2.2-10

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Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



6:00 to 8:00

1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month – Check with Church
for Transportation Arrangements

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

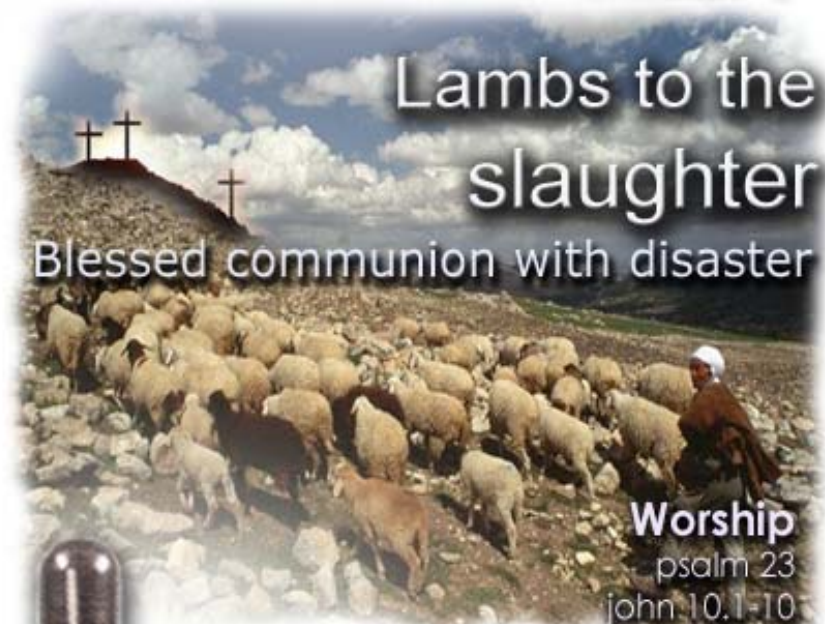
Norman's Game Night

3rd Friday Evening Each Month

Locations to be announced

still waters of Pottstown
home churches & worship center
"He restores my soul . . . surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

April 13 :: 2008
Easter 4



Lambs to the
slaughter

Blessed communion with disaster

Worship

psalm 23

john 10.1-10

acts 2.42-47

1 peter 2.19-25

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

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[Service]

Tonight...

Worship Film ::

“ Psalm 23 ”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

John 10. 1-10

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

Scripture:

Acts 2.42-47

Focus Films ::

“ Ascension & Supper ”

The Scripture ~

Lambs to the slaughter
Blessed communion with disaster

If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2.20-21

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 23, john 10.1-10,
acts 2.42-47, & 1 peter 2.19-25

Reflection Film ::

“ Jesus & the Kingdom ”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13



[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

¥ lead astray...?

¥ snapshots of signs & wonders

¥ brought back... to where?

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Meditation:

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2.44-47)

Reflection:

"Acts 2:45 is best translated: 'They often sold possessions and distributed them to any, as needs arose,' and Acts 4:34 as: 'Those who owned lands and houses would frequently sell them and bring the proceeds of what had been sold.' These passages portray not a one-time commitment in which all possessions became common property but rather a sensitivity to the needs of those within the community ... as the needs around them grew, the Jerusalem Christians joyfully began simplifying their lives—selling extraneous possessions, not as propagators of a new social program but as people who were experiencing an exchange of their security in possessions for a security in God." - Diane MacDonald

still waters

home church studies

Psalm 23

[Worship]

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.

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

The Holy Spirit confronts every person with a choice: Choose death or choose life; choose continuing oppression or choose liberation; choose selfishness or choose sacrifice. In the Acts 2:42-47 passage, the followers of Jesus Christ choose life.

In the face of unspoken threat, they refuse to be confined, rendered timid, or silent. They opt for a life of community and risk, marked by street presence, jail, preaching in court to the authorities, prayer and table gatherings and support, and then back to the streets. The new believers formed support groups where they could learn God's Word, pray, and mature in the faith. They broke bread together and shared all things in common so that all could benefit from God's gifts.

The early Christians were part of a new community formed out of the life, struggle, suffering, death, and new life of Jesus Christ. In John 10:1-10, Jesus is the Good Shepherd

who offers a more abundant life by transcending the rules of authority. The system could not contain or domesticate him. In a world based on competence, possessions, and achievements, Jesus creates the new space of friendship, sharing, and service.

Samaritans, women, tax collectors, lepers, outcasts, and the poor gather around a common table and the whole body is discerned. Sisters and brothers experience a face-to-face encounter with themselves, one another, and with the spirit and power of the risen Christ. At this table a meal is shared, baptism is celebrated, and the community begins the journey of following Christ.

Reflection Questions: Are you in need of being invited to the table? Who needs to be invited to your table? How are you engaged in receiving, giving, and needing support?

Yvonne V. Delk

[The Scripture]

John 10.1-10



1 Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."