

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:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Bright Hope Community Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Announcements:

Shenkel UCC in North Coventry, in their attempt to host our shelter for 2 years now, might be coming to the end of a long road, legally with North Coventry. The ACLU has filed a law suit on their behalf. Our friends at Shenkel have done this reluctantly, not wanting conflict with the Township, but when the world's kingdoms come into conflict with Christ's kingdom and following Him, we must be obedient to our King. Keep them in prayer!

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2008/2009 Season has come to an end and the work of fund raising, laundry, and storage are beginning. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Ron Cauk for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, remember Ron and Patrice family who this week has had a very trying time. Ron has been in the hospital all week with heart problems and bleeding, while Patrice's niece and cousin are suffering from health problems in North Carolina. This is a lot for them to navigate. Keep them in your prayers.

Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Next Week's Scriptures:

August 2, 2009: Proper 13 (Year B)

psalm 51.1-12, 2 samuel 11.26 - 12:13a,

john 6.24-35, & ephesians 4.1-16

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Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

On Summer Hiatus Until November

Fund raising and shelter cleanup

efforts are beginning this month

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

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July 26 :: 2009

Fools, Kings & Saints
Or, setting a
Perfect Table

Worship
psalm 14
2 samuel 11.1-15
john 6. 1-21
ephesians 3.14-21

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465
Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 14

Focus Film ::

“ Ephesians 3.14-21 ”

Scripture Reading ::

2 Samuel 11.1-15

Focus Film ::

“ Claim Freedom ”

The Scripture ~

Fools, Kings & Saints

*Fools say in their hearts,
"There is no God."*

*Or, setting a
Perfect Table*

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD? There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

Psalm 2.1a, 4-6

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 14, 2 samuel 11.1-15,
john 6.1-21, & ephesians 3.14-21

Focus Film ::

“ Honest Lament & Joy ”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]

✚ a perfect temple

✚ a wide embrace

✚ a complete table



Meditation:
Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

John 6.11-12

Reflection:

The result of the fool's feeling that there is no God is corrupt behavior, action without discernment. To use the psalmist's language, David's sinful scheme consumes Uriah's life like bread. King David's selfishness and duplicity stand in stark contrast to his descendant Jesus' healing of the sick and feeding of the multitude. -Verna J. Dozier

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Psalm 14

[Worship]

1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. 2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. 3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. 4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD? 5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. 6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. 7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Consider:

[Words]

Don't those who do wrong know? Those who devour my people as if eating bread (Psalm 14.4)? These are profound questions for our time, as they were for the increasingly successful King David. A successful military strategist, he could afford to stay home and play both monarch and tyrant, exploiting sexually and politically for his own ends, regardless of the cost to individual lives or national morality. For a while David is the fool who thinks there is no God (Psalm 14.1), joining the ranks of other ruling elites who have exploited, oppressed, and victimized in order to achieve political influence.

Having issued his challenge, "Don't all those who do wrong know?" Jesus realizes that he is in danger of being

misunderstood, for the crowds were about to come by force and make him king. Jesus is forced to flee into the solitude of the hills for safety and reflection. Jesus will be king, but on his own terms, not on the terms of those who have only the tyrant model on which to base their hopes.

We do not know what was in Jesus' prayer, but Paul gives us a prayer that goes to the heart of the spiritual challenge today. We too are to seek the glory of God working in us so that God can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.



Reflection and Action

Where do you find yourself asking the question, Don't all those who do wrong know? In what ways can you demonstrate a critique of the systems that oppress the poor? Where do you look for solitude and safety when things are difficult?

[Scripture]

Ephesians 3.14-21

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



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Daily Lectionary Readings
for Ordinary Calendar Year B [Worship]

These readings are adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, Daily Readings for Year One.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun Jul 5	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	1 Sam 14:36-45	Rom 5:1-11	Matt 22:1-14
Mon P9 Jul 6	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	1 Sam 15:1-3, 7-23	Acts 9:19b-31	Luke 23:44-56a
Tues Jul 7	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	1 Sam 15:24-35	Acts 9:32-43	Luke 23:56b-24:11
Wed Jul 8	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Sam 16:1-13	Acts 10:1-6	Luke 24:12-35
Thur Jul 9	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	1 Sam 16:14-17:11	Acts 10:17-33	Luke 24:36-53
Fri Jul 10	am: 16, 17 pm: 22	1 Sam 17:17-30	Acts 10:34-48	Mark 1:1-13
Sat Jul 11	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Sam 17:31-49	Acts 11:1-18	Mark 1:14-28
Sun Jul 12	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	1 Sam 17:50-18:4	Rom 10:4-17	Matt 23:29-39
Mon P10 Jul 13	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	1 Sam 18:5-16 27b-30	Acts 11:19-30	Mark 1:29-45
Tue Jul 14	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	1 Sam 19:1-18	Acts 12:1-17	Mark 2:1-12
Wed Jul 15	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	1 Sam 20:1-23	Acts 12:18-25	Mark 2:13-22
Thur Jul 16	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	1 Sam 20:24-42	Acts 13:1-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Fri Jul 17	am: 31 pm: 35	1 Sam 21:1-15	Acts 13:13-25	Mark 3:7-19a
Sat Jul 18	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	1 Sam 22:1-23	Acts 13:26-43	Mark 3:19b-35
Sun Jul 19	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	1 Sam 23:7-18	Rom 11:33-12:2	Matt 24:14-30

Mon P11 Jul 20	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	1 Sam 24:1-22	Acts 13:44-52	Mark 4:1-20
Tue Jul 21	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	1 Sam 25:1-22	Acts 14:1-18	Mark 4:21-34
Wed Jul 22	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	1 Sam 25:23-44	Acts 14:19-28	Mark 4:35-41
Thur Jul 23	am: 50, 59, 60 pm: 66, 67	1 Sam 28:3-20	Acts 15:1-11	Mark 5:1-20
Fri Jul 24	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	1 Sam 31:1-13	Acts 15:12-21	Mark 5:21-43
Sat Jul 25	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	2 Sam 1:1-16	Acts 15:22-35	Mark 6:1-13
Sun Jul 26	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	2 Sam 1:17-27	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 25:31-46
Mon P12 Jul 27	am: 56, 57, 58 pm: 64, 65	2 Sam 2:1-11	Acts 15:36-16:5	Mark 6:14-29
Tue Jul 28	am: 61, 62 pm: 68	2 Sam 3:6-21	Acts 16:6-15	Mark 6:30-46
Wed Jul 29	am: 72 pm: 119:73-96	2 Sam 3:22-39	Acts 16:16-24	Mark 6:47-56
Thur Jul 30	am: 70, 71 pm: 74	2 Sam 4:1-12	Acts 16:25-40	Mark 7:1-23
Fri Jul 31	am: 69 pm: 73	2 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 17:1-15	Mark 7:24-37
Sat Aug 1	am: 75, 76 pm: 23, 27	2 Sam 5:22-6:11	Acts 17:16-34	Mark 8:1-10

your talking points notes...