

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

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

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 Caulk 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 in your prayers for health and strength.

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 9, 2009: Proper 14 (Year B)

psalm 130, 2 samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33,

john 6.35, 41-51, & ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

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August 2, 2009

An Appetite for God
Or, you are what
You Eat



Worship

psalm 51

2 samuel 11. 26-12.13a

john 6. 24-35

ephesians 4.1-16

Benediction



75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

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

[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Bread of Life”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 51

Scripture Reading ::

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

Focus Film ::

“From Bandit to Believer”

The Scripture ~

An Appetite for God Or, you are what You Eat

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ ... Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

John 6. 27 & 35

This week’s Lectionary:

psalm 51.1-12, 2 samuel 11.26 - 12:13a,
john 6.24-35, & ephesians 4.1-16

Focus Film ::

“Table Benediction”

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]

¥ hunger pains

¥ an insatiable desire for food

¥ just enough

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Meditation:

...And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor...

Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" 2 Samuel 12.1,5—7a

Reflection:

As Christians and citizens, we owe political leaders two things: to be near enough to give support (which does not always mean agreement), and to be distant enough to maintain the ability to speak the truth, as Nathan does to King David in 2 Samuel 12. – Brian McLaren



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Psalm 51

[Worship]

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Consider:

[Words]

The man who did this deserves to die, declares David, as the prophet Nathan tells him a parable that exposes David's guilt for the murder of Uriah, following his seduction and adultery with Uriah's wife Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12.5-6). Tyrants know when they have done wrong. When massacres occur—whether in the clinical holocaust of the European concentration camps, the butchery in Rwanda or Burundi, the long legacy of South

African apartheid, or the death squads of Latin America—the perpetrators cannot escape the dark knowledge of their sin.

King David holds a significant place in the story of God's dealings with humanity. His status as ancestor of the Messiah, and the comparison of his throne to the defining movement of founding the Jewish state, reveals that significance. We should perhaps not be surprised that one of the two great psalms of lament over personal sin (Psalm 51) is attributed to David's realization of the magnitude of his wickedness. Personal responsibility for wrongdoing is something we all need to face. But with forgiveness goes the steadying power of God to "create...a clean heart...and renew a right spirit" (Psalm 51.10).

Witness to the rule of God in our lives has credence when we accept Paul's injunction "to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you were called." Individual integrity is essential to the witness of the body. Witness is to be marked by "humility, gentleness, patience, and the supporting of each other in love" (Ephesians 4.1-3). Jesus challenges us to understand that "the bread of God which comes down from heaven gives life to the world" (John 6.33), as it calls for rejection of scapegoating violence that threatens to consume humanity as it consumed King David.

Reflection and Action

How is your life worthy of the vocation to which you were called? How does your church life measure up against the virtues of humility, gentleness, supporting in love, and belief in God who gives life to the world?

[Scripture]

Ephesians 4.1-5

1 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.



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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.

Sun Aug 2	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	2 Sam 6:12-23	Rom 14:7-12	John 1:43-51
Mon P13 Aug 3	am: 80 pm: 77, 19	2 Sam 7:1-17	Acts 18:1-11	Mark 8:11-21
Tue Aug 4	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	2 Sam 7:18-29	Acts 18:12-28	Mark 8:22-33
Wed Aug 5	am: 119:97-120 pm: 81, 82	2 Sam 9:1-13	Acts 19:1-10	Mark 8:34-9:1
Thur Aug 6	am: 83 pm: 85, 86	2 Sam 11:1-27	Acts 19:11-20	Mark 9:2-13
Fri Aug 7	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	2 Sam 12:1-14	Acts 19:21-41	Mark 9:14-29
Sat Aug 8	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	2 sam 12:15-31	Acts 20:1-16	Mark 9:30-41
Sun Aug 9	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	2 Sam 13:1-22	Rom 15:1-13	John 3:22-36
Mon P14 Aug 10	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	2 Sam 13:23-39	Acts 20:17-38	Mark 9:42-50
Tue Aug 11	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	2 Sam 14:1-20	Acts 21:1-14	Mark 10:1-16
Wed Aug 12	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	2 Sam 14:21-33	Acts 21:15-26	Mark 10:17-31
Thur Aug 13	am: 105:1-22 pm: 105:23-45	2 Sam 15:1-18	Acts 21:27-36	Mark 10:32-45
Fri Aug 14	am: 102 pm: 107:1-32	2 Sam 15:19-37	Acts 21:37-22:16	Mark 10:46-52
Sat Aug 15	am: 107:33-43, 108 pm: 33	2 Sam 16:1-23	Acts 22:17-29	Mark 11:1-11
Sun Aug 16	am: 118 pm: 145	2 Sam 17:1-23	Gal 3:6-14	John 5:30-47
Mon P15 Aug 17	am: 106:1-18 pm: 106:19-48	2 Sam 17:24-18:8	Acts 22:30-23:11	Mark 11:12-26
Tue Aug 18	am: 121, 122, 123 pm: 124, 125, 126	2 Sam 18:9-18	Acts 23:12-24	Mark 11:27-12:12
Wed Aug 19	am: 119:145-176 pm: 128, 129, 130	2 Sam 18:18-33	Acts 23:23-35	Mark 12:13-27
Thur Aug 20	am: 131, 132, 133 pm: 134, 135	2 Sam 19:1-23	Acts 24:1-23	Mark 12:28-34
Fri Aug 21	am: 140, 142 pm: 141, 143	2 Sam 19:24-43	Acts 24:24-25:12	Mark 12:35-44

Sat Aug 22	am: 137, 144 pm: 104	2 Sam 23:1-7, 13-17	Acts 25:13-27	Mark 13:1-13
Sun Aug 23	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	2 Sam 24:1-2, 10-25	Gal 3:23-4:7	John 8:12-20
Mon P16 Aug 24	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	1 Kng 1:5-31	Acts 26:1-23	Mark 13:14-27
Tue Aug 25	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	1 Kng 1:38-2:4	Acts 26:24-27:8	Mark 13:28-37
Wed Aug 26	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Kng 3:1-15	Acts 27:9-26	Mark 14:1-11
Thur Aug 27	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	1 Kng 3:16-28	Acts 27:27-44	Mark 14:12-26
Fri Aug 28	am: 16, 17 pm: 22	1 Kng 5:1-6:1, 7	Acts 28:1-16	Mark 14:27-42
Sat Aug 29	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Kng 7:51-8:21	Acts 28:17-31	Mark 14:43-52
Sun Aug 30	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	1 Kng 8:22-40	1 Tim 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
Mon P17 Aug 31	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	2 Ch 6:32-7:7	Jam 2:1-13	Mark 14:53-65
Tue Sept 1	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	1 Kng 8:65-9:9	Jam 2:14-26	Mark 14:66-72
Wed Sept 2	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	1 Kng 9:24-10:13	Jam 3:1-12	Mark 15:1-11
Thur Sept 3	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	1 Kng 11:1-13	Jam 3:13-4:12	Mark 15:12-21
Fri Sept 4	am: 31 pm: 35	1 Kng 11:26-43	Jam 4:13-5:6	Mark 15:22-32
Sat Sept 5	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	1 Kng 12:1-20	Jam 5:7-12, 19-20	Mark 15:33-39

your talking points notes...