

**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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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; and a friend, Penny's step-father was in a very serious motorcycle accident and is in critical condition with complications from serious cancer treatment on top of his injuries.

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 16, 2009: Proper 15 (Year B)**

psalm 111, 1 kings 2.10-12; 3.13-14,

john 6.51-58, & ephesians 5.15-20

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**Eat Me**  
Or, Soul Food for the Hungry

**Worship**  
psalm 130  
2 samuel 18. 5-9,15, 31-33  
john 6. 35, 41-51  
ephesians 4. 25-5. 2

**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 ::

2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31.33

Focus Film ::

“Psalm 130”

Scripture Reading ::

John 6.35, 41-51

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Focus Film ::

“Lazarus & Gates”

The Scripture ~

**Eat Me**

**Or, Soul Food for the Hungry**

*I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”*

John 6. 48—51

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 130, 2 samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33,  
john 6.35, 41-51, & ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

Focus Film ::

“Jesus & the Kingdom”

Responsive Reading ::

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship  
your talking points notes...

for this Week's Church Discussion]  
✚ hungry stomachs, hungry pocketbooks

✚ food as weapons of wealth

✚ redemption through brokenness

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**Meditation:**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." Ephesians 4.25—29

**Reflection:**

Paul's injunctions in Ephesians 4 and 5 to work honestly, share with the needy, and not covet the possessions of others - along with verses later in Ephesians 5 - fit into the epistles and gospels' larger message that wealth endangers our spiritual wellness. - Robert Sabath

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home church studies

## Psalm 130

[Worship]

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! 3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. 8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### Consider:

[Words]

"For my sake treat young Absalom gently." The heartfelt cry of a father, David, toward a devious and rebellious son is unheeded by those who have been charged with putting down a costly rebellion. In their heart of hearts they are glad to see Absalom dead, and the words of one messenger sums up all their feelings: "May all who rise up to harm you share the fate of that young man" (2 Samuel 18:5, 32).

It is uncertain whether or not there is a connection between Psalm 130, David's reaction to the death of his son, and the impact of the destructiveness unleashed in his kingdom, first through his own actions, and then those of his offspring. But the question raised, "If you kept a record of our sins, Lord, who could stand their ground?" (Psalm 130:3) is a salutary reminder of the deadliness of sin in the human condition and our constant need for grace.

Paul requires of the faith communities a reordering of behavior. From now on there must be no more lies. Speak the truth to one another. Lying, anger, theft, foul talk, bitterness, anger, bad temper, shouting, and abuse (Ephesians 4:25-30) are all prohibited behavior for the Christian community. Oh!

that it were so! During the movement to end nuclear weapons and the arms trade, one wise observer reflected, "There is enough anger in the peace movement to start World War III all by itself!" The priority of the people of God is generosity, sympathy, and forgiveness in the way that God forgave us in Christ.

The community of God's people is also to be a place of sexual integrity (Ephesians 5:1-5). Sexual behavior that runs counter to the gospel provides a constant challenge to the community of faith. We are bidden to recall that our gratification is the bread of life, which is given for the life of the world (John 6:51). The behavior of Christians in all matters should not hinder the feeding of the world; and where it has, we should cry from the depths for God's forgiveness in order that God may be revered.



### Reflection and Action

How is your faith community obeying the injunctions of Paul in its lifestyle and behavior? How do you deal with behavior that exposes the community to criticism, ridicule, or the dishonoring of God's name?


[Scripture]

## John 6.35, 41-47

35 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.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.





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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...**