

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Lutheran 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

Ministry:

The Table

Suspended until the end of

Shelter Season in April

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

Every evening at 10:00 pm

St John's UCC High & Price Sts.

There are many volunteering opportunities.

Announcements:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork or Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for our host churches!!

New Home Church Series every Tuesday evening at The Moyer's

Recycle Your Faith

Questioning God.



We all see through a glass darkly... Our misunderstandings and questions can make us feel as though we have little, or NO, faith. God is BIG enough to answer our doubts through simplicity and honest questioning. Join us in questioning our faith.

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember those prayer requests from last week and:

Please pray for Hank and Helen Hankens. Hank has been diagnosed with stage four cancer and has tumors in his lungs, and inoperable tumors in his brain. Lets help them all we can! Ron's health, to keep him strong; for Patrice's thyroid treatments; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Roxy's illness to be used by God for other's faith, or those in the shelter, that they would find love and grace during their struggle, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and keep all of us in prayer, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us.

Please keep our church—the future of Still Waters, in prayer while trying to remain faithful to God's calling to the least around us.

Next Week's Scriptures:

January 16, 2011: Epiphany 2 (Year A)

Psalm 40.1-11, Isaiah 49.1-7,

John 1.29-42, & 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

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Narrating The Waters...

Or, Holy Contradictions of Death that Offer Life!

Worship

Psalm 29

Isaiah 42.1-9

Matthew 3.13-17

Acts 10.34-43

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 29

Worship Film ::

" Lets Go Down "

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Isaiah 42.1-9

Focus Films ::

" The Church & Death "

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 29, Isaiah 42.1-9,
Matthew 3.13-17, & Acts 10.34-43*

The Scripture ~

Narrating The Waters ...

Or, Holy Contradictions of Death that

...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth *Offer Life!*
with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about
doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the
devil, for *God was with him*. We are witnesses to all that
he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to
death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on
the third day and allowed him to appear,... Acts 10.38—40

Reflection Film ::

" Our LORD's Baptism "

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

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

✚ seeing the Emmanuel in a New Way

✚ Retelling the Story

✚ Commissioning with Peace

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Meditation:

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the
Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented
him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come
to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is
proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he
consented. Matt. 3.13—15*

Reflection:

"In baptism we are granted a new identity that transcends all
other identity markers. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer insisted, 'Those
who are baptized no longer belong to the world, no longer serve
the world, and are no longer subject to it. They belong to Christ
alone, and relate to the world only through Christ.'"

—Debra Dean Murphy



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Psalm 29

[Worship]

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. 11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Consider:

[Words]

In the Isaiah reading, God's servant is an answer to the waiting of the world. Three times it is asserted that the servant will do "justice" among the nations (42:1, 3, 4). That justice will be concerned with the healing and rehabilitation of the blind and prisoners, representative of those not given a fair deal by the world.

Jesus' baptism marks him as the one who will do God's good pleasure. In the bold preaching of Peter, Jesus is acknowledged as "Lord of all" (Acts 10:36) who has power to heal and to overcome the power of evil (verse 38), and grant forgiveness (verse 43). God's power for life, invested in Jesus, is stronger than the power of death. Jesus is the vehicle of God's rule that yields all that is needed for the well being of the world.

Psalm 29 is a grand doxology of God's rule that overrides the chaos of the flood and ends in shalom (verses 10-11). These readings all together ponder God's resolve for the world and locate it in the life of Jesus. The gospel offer of shalom for the world contradicts the nullification of the world on its deathliness. It is the glorious contradiction that is the ground of faith and the opening for action among those who sign on with this one in whom God is well pleased. – Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture]

Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reread Matthew 3:13-17