

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 Mark this week as we seek how the LORD will resolve his difficulties, pray for his strength to endure while God shows new mercies.

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 23, 2009: Proper 16 (Year B)

psalm 84, 1 kings 8.1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43,

john 6.56-59 & ephesians 6.10-20

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August 16 :: 2009

Knowing too Much
Or, okay let try this
Again!

Worship

psalm 111

1 kings 2. 10-12; 3. 13-14

john 6. 51-58

ephesians 5. 15-20

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“ Psalm 34 ”

Scripture Reading ::

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.13-14

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 111

Focus Film ::

“ Relationships on Speaker Phone ”

The Scripture ~

Knowing Too Much
Or, okay let try this Again!

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5. 15—20

This week's Lectionary:
psalm 111, 1 kings 2.10-12; 3.13-14,
john 6.51-58, & ephesians 5.15-20

Focus Film ::

“ Underdevelopment ”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

≠ grandstanding ideas

≠ wisdom & foolishness

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Meditation:

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." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" John 6. 51—52

Reflection:

Most likely writing from jail, Paul guides the Ephesians in Christian conduct, aware of the dangers of attracting unwanted attention. John is also concerned with authorities, reporting quarrelling among those who hear Jesus' claim that he alone brings eternal life. Whatever faith we profess, we are assured that only those "who seek the Lord" will be truly satisfied. - **Michaela Bruzzese**

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Psalm 111

[Worship]

1 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. 2 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. 4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. 8 They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Consider:

[Words]

A fresh start is always possible. On inheriting the throne of his father, David, Solomon prays, "Give your servant a heart to understand how to govern your people, how to discern between good and evil" (1 Kings 3.9). Undoubtedly the Davidic empire needed such discernment, and Solomon's prayer and intention is a model for all inaugurations. God promises discerning judgment, and the psalmist recalls that the works of God's hands are fidelity and justice (Psalm 111.7).

Such transformation is more than a matter of wishing or praying. Jesus invites participation in a new order by calling on those who are trapped within the legalism of tradition to find new life through "munching" on him. The idea of eating flesh

and blood was anathema to Jews; but Jesus needs to use an alternative metaphor to mark out the distinction between his community, which offers food for life, and the staleness and oppressiveness of law and tradition. Jesus discerns a longing for social justice among those who have received the bread at the feeding (John 6.1-15), but sees a people trapped by the bread that ancestors ate (John 6.58).



Yet Jesus' invitation to life is not unqualified. Paul perceives the need for Christians not to be thoughtless or to become addicts to the spirit of the age, dissipating the life that God gives (Ephesians 5.15-16). The community is called to praise God, because it is God, not us, who seeks to transform relationships for the transformation of the world.

Reflection and Action

Where are the signs of new beginnings in our world? To what extent is your community of faith munching on the bread of life or the bread our ancestors ate?

[Scripture]

John 6.51-58

51 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."
52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."



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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.

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| 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 |

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| 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...