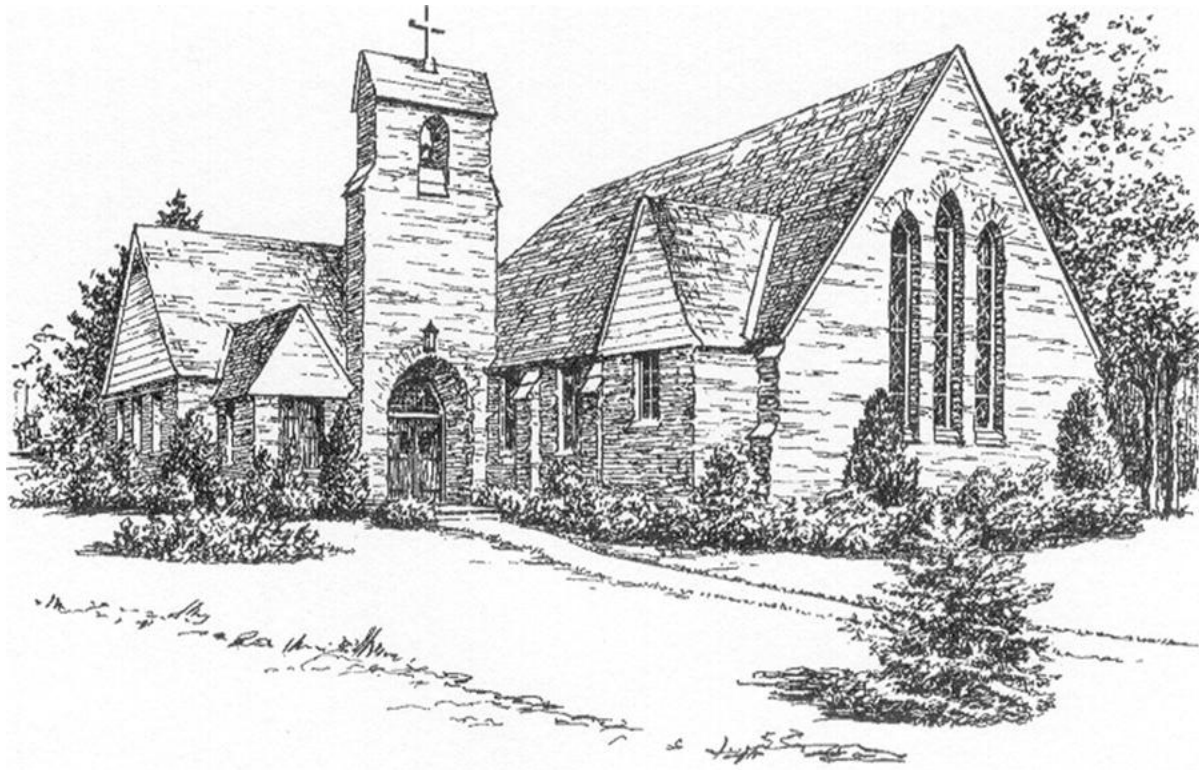


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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Meditation" from Sonata No. 6.....Alexandre Guilmant

OPENING HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #657

OPENING ACCLAMATION *Remain Standing*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR EVANGELISM

Holy God, your Son called us to wrap the whole world in your saving embrace. By your Holy Spirit, give us compassion, purpose and energy to invite into your Church those who do not yet know the transforming power of your love. We ask this through Him who has brought us from darkness to light, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the Readings

FIRST READING: *Job 1:1; 2:1-10*

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *Psalm 26 Judica me, Domine*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: Our Father, By Whose Name #587 *(Please stand)*

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16 (*Remain Standing & Face the Gospel Book*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON - *The assembly is seated.*

A period of silence follows the sermon.

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR HOLY BAPTISM

The Celebrant says The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Felicity Susan / Jada Nicole to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their lives in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these people who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

The Priest pours water upon the candidate saying: Felicity / Jada, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Felicity / Jada, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY—*The Assembly may be seated.*

The ushers now come forward with the gifts of Bread & Wine and then collect the people's gifts of treasures.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY: PRAISE GOD

Please stand and sing Hymn #380, verse 3 only, as the people's treasure is presented.

GREAT THANKSGIVING—Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said.*)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (S125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People Kneel. The Presider Continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. When-

ever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (S154)

A musical score for a four-part setting of the Fraction Anthem. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes.

A period of silence is kept.

Every member of the assembly is welcomed and encouraged to approach the Lord's Table. Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those among us who are not baptized are welcome to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION: "Largo" from Concerto in B-flat.....Antonio Vivaldi

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

This song is located in the pew rack. Please join in sing verses 1, 2, refrain and 3.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: *I'm Pressing On The Upward Way ("Higher Ground")* LEV #165

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *Following the hymn and as the candles are extinguished all are invited to kneel for a moment of silence and prayer and reflection.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Lobe den Herren".....Theodore Drath

MINISTERS

Celebrant	The Reverend John Major
Organist	Bernard Gardzalla
Lector / Intercessor	David Wright
Chalice Bearer	Carl Goeringer
Acolytes	Jim Monk
Ushers / Oblationers	TBA
Altar Guild	Heather Hules, Lisa Kasarda
Vestry Counter	Patti Harabin

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME We are pleased you have come to worship with us today. If you have any questions about our service, please feel free to speak to an Usher or someone seated near you.

STAY HEALTHY! "SIGN OF PEACE" AND HOLY COMMUNION CONSIDERATIONS: It's probably not a bad idea for all of us to take additional steps to help avoid the flu and colds during the peak flu and cold season. Look for the "hand sanitation stations" near the entrances of the church and consider washing your hands on the way in and out. In addition, consider offering other "Signs of Peace" rather than the traditional handshake. A hand to one another's arm or elbow or shoulder, or a smile and wave and exchange of the words "the peace of the Lord be with you," communicates the same, genuine offer. Further, remember that an option for receiving from the Cup includes what is called the option of "Intinction." To "intinct," simply accept the Bread and carefully dip the tip of the Bread into the Cup. God bless us all with health now and always!

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus says *Let the little children come to me...for it is to such of these that the kingdom of heaven is given.* Can we trust as children do? Can we lay our lives in His hands, trusting His plan for us...and respond with gratitude and thanksgiving for all? Will we let Him *lay his hands on us and bless us?*

HOLY BAPTISM This morning we welcome through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, two new members of the Prince of Peace family; Felicity Susan Siperko, daughter of Richard and Brittany Siperko and Jada Nicole Wright, daughter of Thomas and Angela Wright.

PRAYER LIST Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially: *Heather, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Ralph, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Brian, Hans, Karen, Len, Lee, David, Maryann, Bob, Therese, Sandy, Laura, Matt, Greg, Andy, Connie, Shane, The Shultz Family, Ed, Taylor, Ann, Sue, Lisa, Patti, Kim, Sherry, Jeanie, Robin & Specialist Robert Price*

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION The Church Office is open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9—2 & Friday from 10—2. The Church Office will be closed on Friday, October 9 for Diocesan Convention.

HARVEST FESTIVAL/BASKET RAFFLE Thank You to everyone who helped with the Prince of Peace basket raffle at the Dallas Harvest Festival. Following is the list of Basket Raffle winners

- Dinner & A Movie—Sue O'Connor
- Fall—Sue O'Connor
- Sewing Basket #1—M. Dudick
- Sewing Basket #2—Patti Wallace
- Snacks—Lynne George
- Skin & Beauty—Lindsey Ripa
- Lottery Tickets—Boback
- Bath & Body—Mary Jillson-Stout
- Channel 16—Gerald Hopfer
- Penn State Tickets & Fan Gear—Boback

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN PRAYER. A single-stem **Red Rose in Vase** will be ordered in loving memory of the faithful departed and brought forward during Mass at the time of a public remembrance of each of our departed loved ones on All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 1st. Each order of the **Red Rose in Vase** may be taken immediately following Holy Eucharist. To place your order for participation in this remembrance and commemoration of all the faithful departed please complete the **Red Rose in Vase** order form inserted into this week's bulletin and submit it with payment in the Sunday Offering Plate no later than October 25th. Proceeds will benefit The Prince of Peace Memorial Fund.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR RALPH SMITH. Ralph Smith, longtime parishioner and friend of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church of Dallas, will be lovingly remembered in a Memorial Celebration on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The service begins at 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Church. Please be part of this celebration if you are able and remember the Smith family in prayer during this time of great grief.

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO? One person, each person can make a big difference in the life of our Prince of Peace Church Family. One person, each person - faithful, active and committed to caring for Prince of Church and our fellow members and our mission and ministry work can be the difference between our parish barely or merely surviving or growing into our potential. I need to ask you to please resolve anew to be faithful to the Apostle's teaching, the breaking of the Bread and the prayers and to consistently give of yourself and your treasure for our own good and the good of all the Church. Please look for my letter and the vestry's letter that will be arriving to each household very soon and accept our invitation to you to join us in the annual renewal of our commitment to give of ourselves this coming year in such a way that truly serves the Church and Christian Mission and appropriately honors our Maker and God.

Last Sunday we celebrated the **RESTORATION OF OUR CHANCEL WINDOWS.** We continue to give thanks for all parishioners and friends who contributed to and supported the project including the following members of our local business community: Hayes & Hayes Video, Corgan Contracting, Bluhm's Gas Sales, Roth Jewelry, RJ Walker, Luzerne Bank, & Fino's Pharmacy. Maybe the sun will come out this morning so we can enjoy the beauty of the windows, even more!



THE ECW meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION COMES TO WILKES-BARRE The annual Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem will be held on Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10 at St Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre. You are invited and encouraged to attend Evensong on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Eucharist on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. You need not be registered to join your diocesan community for these 2 worship services.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE - OCTOBER 10 The first one got rained out, but due to popular demand....we're going to try again!! Anyone interested in purchasing a space on the lawn of the parish for a Community Yard sale is asked to contact Lisa Kasarda. Spaces are available at the cost of \$10 each and set up will be at 7 am Saturday morning. The yard sale will start at 8 am and run till 2 pm. Kitchen help is requested to run a light lunch sale from 10 am to 2 pm. Baked goods are requested to be provided by the parish for sale during this time. Please see Lisa if you are interested in helping. Let's all work together to make this a big success!

EPISCOPAL SHIRTS We are taking orders for Episcopal Shield T-shirts, in either long or short sleeve, with or without the "Top10 Reasons to be Episcopalian" list on the back. These are the same shirts we sold a few years ago. Please contact the church office or check next week's bulletin for more information.