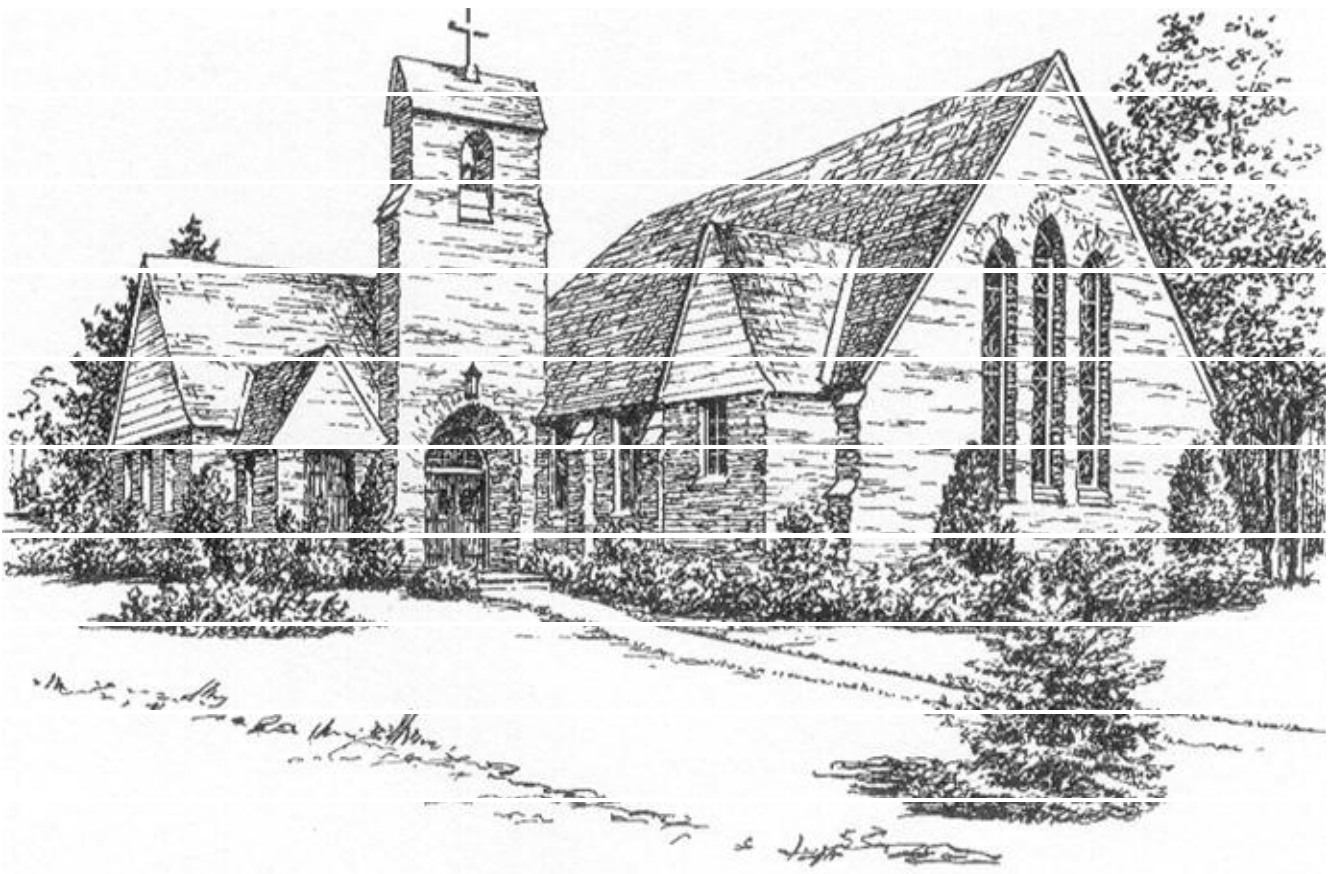


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The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost: Morning Prayer
July 6, 2008
8:00 & 10:00 am

Note: There is no music at the 8:00 am service

Service of Morning Prayer

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymnal 427

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION *(Please Kneel if you are able)*

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Leader alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter *(All stand)*

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7 (Please Stand)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 45: 11-18 *Eruclavit cor meum (Please Stand)*

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The Lessons *(Please be Seated)*

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" -- let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah

and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 17 The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32 (Please Stand)*

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *(Please be seated)*

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed *(All Standing)*

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

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.

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. Amen.

The Prayers *(Please Kneel if you are able)*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Leader and People

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.

Then follows the Suffrages (A) *(Please Kneel if you are able)*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. *And grant us your salvation.*

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. *Your saving health among all nations.*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *(Please Stand)*

The Leader says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of your Peace* Leaflet—All verses

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Prayers of the People *(Please kneel if you are able)*

Leader All who are weary and heavy burdened, come let us offer prayers to our God and Father.

For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all nations, peoples, tribes, and families. *Lord, have mercy.*

For mercy, peace, and justice in the world, and for our armed forces everywhere. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the dying and the dead. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all those captive to sin. *Lord, have mercy.*

For ourselves, our families, our companions, and all those we love. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord.*

Leader Lord of heaven and earth, hear the prayers we offer today, teach us the secrets of your heart, and give us rest from our trials; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving *(Please Kneel if you are able)*

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Remain Kneeling*)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Leader then concludes with the following

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* Hymnal 716

Postlude

Ministers

Leader	Christine Sutton
Organist	Bernard Gardzalla
Reader	(8 am Hugh Kelley) Liz Plashinski
Acolyte	Tara Gwilliam
Ushers / Oblationers	TBA
Altar Guild	Sandy Sheehan, Megan Palmer, Grace Goeringer
Vestry Counter	Patricia Harabin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM Please join us next Sunday, July 13 as we welcome the newest member of Prince of Peace, Owen Paul Stretanski, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Owen is the son of Matt & Jill Stretanski and has one older sister, Claire.

HOME EUCHARIST Join us on Thursday, July 17 for a Home Eucharist at the Sutton Home. We will gather at 6:15, share a potluck supper at 6:30 and celebrate the Eucharist following supper. Please RSVP to Chris 675-2761 and let he know what you will be bringing.

THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING This Sunday "The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing" will be offered following the service. Chris Sutton will be available in church to those who wish to receive the laying on of hands and prayers for healing. Simply go to her and tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on you and offer a prayer to our Lord for you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Once again this year Prince of Peace will helping to sponsor the Back Mountain Community Vacation Bible School. The "Rainforest Adventure" will be held August 4-8 from 9am–noon at St Paul's Lutheran Church. Registration Forms are now available for students and volunteer helpers. Please see Jennifer for forms or information.

COMPLINE & HEALING MEDITATION IN THE GARDEN On Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 pm we will gather in the Memorial Garden for a service of Compline and Healing Meditation. Please feel free to bring a comfortable chair. For more information see/contact Chris Sutton.

RUMMAGE SALE The Rummage Sale will be held on Friday & Saturday, September 5 & 6. We welcome donations beginning August 10th. Please be sure that all items are in GOOD condition and note that this year we are NOT able to accept any electronic devices such as computers, televisions, etc.

DALLAS HARVEST FESTIVAL Anyone interested in serving on the Harvest Festival Committee please see or contact Dan Plashinski (696-1510) or Terry Martin (675-9528).

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN The ECW will meet at the church the third Wednesday of July and August at 11:45 a.m. and then proceed to "go to lunch". It's wonderful fellowship and without business meetings during the summer, the lunches will continue. All Prince of Peace women are invited to join.

USED BOOK SALE The church will be holding a Used Book Sale beginning in the middle of July. Do you have any gently used books to contribute? Bring your book donations to the church beginning this week.

LIBRARY AUCTION BAKE SALE The churches of the Back Mountain Ministerium will be sponsoring the Bake Sale Booth at this year's Library Auction. Bakers and Booth Volunteers (evenings of July 11, 12, 13) are needed! If you are interested in helping please contact Jennifer ASAP.