

Sunday, May 25, 2008

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

The Lectionary

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading—Isaiah 49:8-16a

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm—Psalm 131 Domine, non est

- 1 O LORD, I am not proud; *
I have no haughty looks.
- 2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, *
or with things that are too hard for me.
- 3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; *
my soul is quieted within me.
- 4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading—1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Gospel—Matthew 6:24-34

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MORNING'S SERVICE This morning we will be celebrating a Deacon's Mass in Father Stevenson's absence. Also we will not have Organ music this morning.

THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING Each Sunday at the 10:00 am service we offer "The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing". Chris Sutton is available in the rear of the church near the Baptismal Font during Communion. 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. When she has concluded her prayer for you, simply return to your seat. **NOTE:** Chris is on vacation and the Deacon will be available following the service to offer the laying on of hands for healing to those who desire it.

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN DISCUSSION HAS BEEN POSTPONED The discussion scheduled for this morning has been re-scheduled. A new date has not been set.

PARISH PICNIC Our annual parish picnic will be held next Sunday, June 1 at Frances Slocum State Park. We will worship at 10:00 am and food and fun will follow the service. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. **NOTE:** THE 10:00 SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT FRANCES SLOCUM. THE 8:00 SERVICE WILL BE HERE AT THE CHURCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCLUDES TODAY This morning marks our final Sunday School class until the Fall. Thanks go out to all of the teachers: Patricia Harabin, Ed Dreisbach, David Dillon, Patricia Wright and Kim Jacobs; and to all of those who helped in any way with The Youth will be serving as Layministers next Sunday, June 1 (at the picnic). All youth are asked to plan on attending the picnic and service that day!

GRADUATES You are asked to inform the office of anyone who will be graduating from High School or College this year.

OUTREACH PROJECT Prince of Peace is preparing bags to be distributed by the Henderson Settlement in Appalachia, Kentucky. Approximately 15 people from the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will be traveling to this area of Kentucky for a mission trip July 20-26. They will distribute these bags to the locals. Several women from our parish are making the bags and we need your help to fill them. For the month of June we will be collecting the following items: sunscreen, sunglasses, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hair products, deodorant, etc. Please donate as you are able.

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS The Vestry is seeking volunteers to serve on the Search Committee. The Committee members will be responsible for conducting the search for our new Rector. If you are interested in serving on this VERY important Committee please see or contact any Vestry Member or Hugh Kelley, Senior Warden.

*The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of
Eleanor Ann Landells Smith by her Family.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of
Jack and Verna Sheehan and Beryl Price by John & Jackie Sheehan & Family.*

PRAYER LIST

Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially

John	Therese	George	Chris
Bill	Carol	Heather	Beverly
Ed	Peggy	Mark	Lauren
Dana	Debbie	Emily	Henry
Joe	Angie	Dave	
Taylor	Maribeth	James	
Ben	Jane	Adam	

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for John Sheehan and family. John has been hospitalized in Bangor, Maine and Jackie has gone to Maine to be with him.

VESTRY MEMBERS & COMMISSIONS

Chris Sutton—Worship	Carl Goeringer—Finance	Terry Martin—Outreach
Linda Shrader—Parish Life	Dan Plashinski—Outreach	George Gwilliam—Property
George Yatsko—Property	David Wright—Finance	Patricia Harabin—Education

This Morning's Ministers

Deacon / Preacher	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	Harry Hiscox, Kelly Jacobs, Dominic Wright
Lectors	Carl Goeringer
Intercessor	Liz Plashinski
Eucharistic Minister	Carl Goeringer
Ushers / Oblationers	Kim Jacobs, Hugh Kelley
Altar Guild	Beverly Cushner, Barbara Wentz
Vestry Counter	Linda Shrader