

Sunday, August 17, 2008

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

The Music

Prelude: "Voluntary" Frederick C. Werle

Opening Hymn: *There's a wideness in God's mercy* # 470

Gradual Hymn: *O for a closer walk with God* #683
(verses 1,2,3 before Gospel verses 4,5 after Gospel)

Organ Offertory: "Offertorio" Robert J. Powell

Post Communion Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
(Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3

Closing Hymn: *Onward Christian Soldiers* # 562

Postlude: "Dialogue" Gilbert M. Martin

The Lectionary

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading—Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Psalm—Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Reading—Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

THE GOSPEL—Matthew 15:10-28

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

After the Gospel, the Priest says: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Announcements

HARVEST FESTIVAL—BASKET RAFFLE We are looking for volunteers to sponsor theme baskets to be raffled b Prince of Peace at the Back Mountain Harvest Festival on Sunday September 14. Baskets should be valued between \$25—\$35. Approximately 5 baskets are needed. To volunteer please see/contact Dan Plashinski or Terry Martin.

GRADUAL HYMN We will be singing verses 1, 2 & 3 of the Gradual Hymn (*O for a closer walk with God* #683) before The Gospel and verses 4 & 5 after The Gospel.

THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING Each Sunday at the 10:00 service “The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing” is offered. During Communion Chris Sutton will be in the back of the church for anyone who wishes 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.

HYMNS If you have a favorite hymn, please let the Church Office know! You can simply write the hymn name (and number if you know it) on the paper found in your pew and place it in the offertory plate OR contact Jennifer in the office princeofpeace@epix.net or 675-1723.

USED BOOK SALE All book prices have been slashed to half price. **HARDCOVER** \$.50 & **SOFTCOVER** \$.25.

RUMMAGE SALE The Rummage Sale will be held on Friday & Saturday, September 5 & 6, 9am— 2pm. Please be sure that all donations are in **GOOD** condition and note that this year we are **NOT able to accept any electronic devices such as computers, televisions, etc.** Set up for the sale will be Wednesday, September 3rd from 6:00 to 9:00 and Thursday, September 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean up will be Saturday. Volunteers are needed for all days~especially for Saturday clean-up.

COMPLINE & HEALING MEDITATION IN THE GARDEN On **Thursday, August 28 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.

RECYCLING PROJECTS

- **ALUMINUM CANS**—On the **4th Sunday** of each **month** bring in your aluminum cans for recycling
- **NEWSPAPERS** — **Saturday & Sunday August 23 & 24**, we will be collecting newspapers (**ONLY** newspapers) for a recycling fundraiser. Spread the word to your families, friends, neighbors, etc. If you do not have a place to store the papers or for more information on this fundraiser please contact Terry Martin (675-9528).

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) The women will be going out to lunch on Wednesday, August 20. All women of Prince of Peace are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please meet at the church at 11:45 am.

BUS TRIP Shavertown United Methodist Church is having a bus trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA on September 25. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish House.

PRAYER LIST

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

Therese	Henry	Sandy
Heather	Sarah	Jackie
James	Thelma	Carol
Jack	Norm	Madeline
Adam	Shane	Kristen

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the church office by email or phone or write it in the book in the back of the church. Please also indicate how long we should keep the name on the Prayer list.

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of Almighty God in thanks and celebration of Liz & Dan's 10th Anniversary.

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Jack Sheehan, father, grandfather, great-grandfather.

Ministers

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James Stevenson
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Lector / Intercessor	Tara Gwilliam
Eucharistic Minister	Tara Gwilliam
Acolytes	Christopher Dillon, Matthew Dillon
Ushers / Oblationers	Heather Hules, Hugh Kelley
Altar Guild	Barbara Wentz, Beverly Cushner
Vestry Counter	Carl Goeringer