

Sunday, July 20, 2008

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

The Music

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Praise to the living God Hymnal 372

Gradual Hymn: I am the Bread of Life Hymnal 335

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

Closing Hymn: Lord dismiss us with thy blessing Hymnal 344
Postlude

The Lectionary

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading—Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Psalm—Psalm 86:11-17 *Inclina, Domine*

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth*
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of
your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

The Second Reading—Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh~ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ~ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

THE GOSPEL—Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are

angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Announcements

OUTREACH COMMISSION / DALLAS HARVEST FESTIVAL The Outreach Commission has a meeting this morning at 9:00 am (between the services). The Harvest Festival will be the major focus of this meeting. For more information or with questions, please see or contact Dan Plashinski (696-1510) or Terry Martin (675-9528).

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 available in the rear of the church, near the Baptismal Font, 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 Father Stevenson is now selecting the Hymns and Service Music. If you have a favorite hymn, please let us 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Due to lack of support and assistance in planning; the Back Mountain Ministerium has made the decision to cancel this year's Community Vacation Bible School.

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.

USED BOOK SALE The church currently holding a Used Book Sale in Parish the Parish Hall. Hardcover books are \$1.00 and paperback \$.50. For more information see/contact Beverly Cushner (675-2711).

RECYCLING PROJECTS

In an effort to help our environment and raise a little money we will be conducting the following recycling / fundraising 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).

GUEST PREACHER On Sunday August 3rd, we will be joined by The Reverend David Newhart (son of Barbara & Bill Wentz). Father Dave will be preaching and co-celebrating the Eucharist at the 10:00 am service.

Dear Prince of Peace Church family members and fellow parishioners, The family of John F. Sheehan, Jr. extends our many thank you's, appreciation, and gratitude to you all for your prayers, concerns, caring, good thoughts, cards, and well-wishes for John while he was hospitalized in Maine May 22, through June 22. We both were uplifted by your wonderful spirit of caring. Our family cannot express enough how touched we all are from your outpouring of love following John's death in preparation for and attending his beautiful Memorial Service. Thank you all so very much who helped in any way, especially Father Stevenson, Deacon Lou, Father Harer, Jennifer Martin, Michael Hiscox, Chris Sutton, and Jessica Martin and Kelly and Lindsey Jacobs who sang so beautifully The Ash Grove, Bev Cushner and Barb Wentz of the Altar Guild, George Yatsko and Terry Martin who ushered and to all who graciously provided deserts for the luncheon at the American Legion. And for your continued loving support of cards and messages of condolences. Prince of Peace is truly a loving and compassionate parish family. God bless you all always with His love, peace, joy, and grace! With our love and sincerest thanks to all, Jackie Sheehan and family and Lynn and Sandy Sheehan and family.

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of Almighty God for Ralph Smith's 90th birthday and in memory of Eleanor L Smith by their children Susan Lehrmitt and Sandy Smith.

Ministers

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James P Stevenson
Supply Organist	Bernard Gardzalla
Lector / Intercessor	Hugh Kelley
Eucharistic Minister	Hugh Kelley
Acolytes	Christopher Dillon, Matthew Dillon
Ushers / Oblationers	Beverly Cushner, Linda Shrader
Altar Guild	Barbara Wentz, Beverly Cushner
Vestry Counter	Terry Martin