

# Sunday, September 13, 2009

## The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### The Music

Prelude: Prelude in D-major.....James H. Rogers

**Opening Hymn: At the Name Of Jesus #435**

**Gradual Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #474**

**Presentation of Offerings: Doxology #380 vs.3**

Communion: Berceuse in A.....G. Delbruck

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

**Closing Hymn: His Eye Is On the Sparrow LEV #191**

Postlude: Fanfare in B-flat.....Theodore Dubois

### The Lectionary

#### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **The Lessons** (*The people sit.*)

##### **The First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33**

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

##### **The Psalm: Psalm 19 Caeli enarrant**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens

office if you can help. If you have not already done so, please remember to RSVP to the church office with the approximate number of people who will be attending the luncheon so we can plan accordingly.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** will resume next Sunday, September 20th at 9:00.

**THE ECW** will meet this Wed., September 16 at 10:30 am.

**2009 DIOCESAN CONVENTION** will be held locally at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral on October 9th & 10th. It's a great opportunity to witness the larger Church in action & appreciate the democratic process that we embrace within the Episcopal Church. All are invited to gather for the 2-day event, the discussions, witness the decision making processes and celebrate worship with the rest of our diocesan community. Fr. Major & our parish delegates, Dan & Liz Plashinski, will be happy to listen to your perspective on those issues that shall come before the assembly for a vote. The draft resolutions requiring discussion & vote will be posted soon for your review and consideration. Similar to state representatives who serve & represent the interests of the people your pastor and parish delegates will represent you in matters concerning the Episcopal Church. If you feel strongly about an issue or upcoming resolution be sure to tell your representatives your preferences for their votes.

**ECW SEEKS CLOTHING FOR KIDS** The Episcopal Church Women will be collecting sweatpants and sweatshirts, sizes 5-18 and undies for children at risk. Please bring your donation of new clothes no later than October 5th. Most donations will be distributed locally with just a few donations going to a special collection at Diocesan Convention for distribution to agencies in NEPA chosen by the diocese. Please be generous to our youth who are most in need.

The annual **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** will take place on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 am on the front lawn. Please plan to bring your pet, big or small, for a special blessing in honor of St Francis. (All pets must be restrained).

**CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION** The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, Sept 15, but will resume regular office hours on Wednesday, September 16. (Tues. & Wed. 9—2 & Fri. 10—2.

**PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING** It's that time of year again! The Sunday School outing to the Whistle Pig Pumpkin Patch will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 11am. The outing is open to everyone! The cost is \$6.00 /person (\$2 additional for the corn maize). For more information or to sign-up, please contact the church office.

## MINISTERS

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Reverend John Major
<b>Lector / Intercessor</b>	Dave Dillon
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Beverly Cushner
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBA
<b>Ushers / Oblationers</b>	George Gwilliam, George Yatsko
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beverly Cushner, Barbara Wentz
<b>Vestry Counter</b>	Carl Goeringer

- and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

**The Second Reading: James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38** *(Stand & Face the Gospel)*

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them,

"But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**The Announcements**

*Happy Grandparents Day*

**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.

**IN TODAY'S GOSPEL** Jesus says: *But who do you say that I am?* Your relationship with Jesus - personal or impersonal, constant presence in your life or "God, please help me just this one time, and I'll never...", savior and true friend or distant hazy religious figure - no doubt has a great deal to do with your life as a steward. Who do you say that He is? Wouldn't your stewardship life be more meaningful if you could see Him as constant presence, true friend, and personal savior? He wants to be all of those things you know!

**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, Liam, Ed, Taylor, Ann, Sue & Patti, Specialist Robert Price.*

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** Volunteers are needed on September 20 to help with the Prince of Peace booth at the Dallas Harvest Festival. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

**PENN STATE RAFFLE** Buy your tickets today for the Penn State Fan Basket containing 4 tickets to the Penn State vs. Eastern Illinois game on October 10 and fan gear. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

**PARISH PICNIC / RESTORE THE GLORY CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** Volunteers are needed to supply desserts for the reception, please contact the church