

## **June 26, 2011 | Second Sunday After Pentecost**

### **The Readings from Scripture**

*(Please be seated)*

#### **The First Reading**

**Jeremiah 28:5–9**

*Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

<sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.      **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Second Reading**

**Romans 6:12–23**

*Sin is an enslaving power that motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

A reading from the book of Romans

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

<sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

<sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 10:40–42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

*The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter*

<sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

**The Gospel of our Lord.**

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Let us pray for the church, that, having been freed from the bonds of sin and made holy in the waters of baptism, it may offer the gospel freely to all people. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world, that the earth and its creatures may be tended with care and bear fruit for all to share. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the leaders of all nations, that they may be instruments of righteousness and peace in the face of injustice and conflict (*especially*). Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are held captive: to human trafficking, sweatshops, prostitution, drugs and alcohol, or any illness (*especially*), that they may know true freedom in Christ. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this congregation, that all who enter our doors may experience welcome in the name of Jesus. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for all the faithful who have been brought from death to eternal life by the grace of Christ (*especially*). Keep us in hope until the day we join them in glory. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Victory House** - We will be traveling to the Victory House on July 10th. A signup sheet is located outside fellowship hall on the bulletin board. Please contact Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or email foreman3@hotmail.com.



**Tent Troupe Performance  
June 30 at 1:45 and 7:45 PM**

Join. The country's only traveling tent theater group, Tent Troupe, will be performing at St Paul's Lutheran Church. Tent Troup is a youth based theater group that has been travelling in North America for over a quarter of a century, living and performing in tents for the entire summer in over twenty-nine states and Canada.

The first performance on June 30 at 1:45 will include select Animal Stories and Fables and the evening performance at 7:45 will be "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" based on the book by Robert Fulghum. Two shows, one day, tons of family fun. There is no admission fee, but donations will be taken at the door. Smiles are required. For more information please call Bonnie Bonser at 215-679-5553, ext 125

**~ This Week at St. Paul's ~**

<b>Sunday</b>	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School - <i>resumes 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September</i>	
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Jr. Youth Club (up to 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	10:30 AM
	Sr. Youth Club	4:15 PM
	Generations Choir – <i>resumes in September</i>	
Bell Choir – <i>resumes in September</i>		
Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM	
<b>Monday</b>	Lutheran Chicks	12:30 PM
	Praise Team No Rehearsal Until July 11 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Finance Committee	6:45 PM
	Council	7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Off Site Bible Study with Bonnie Bonser	7:00 PM
	Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Tent Troupe	1:45 PM & 7:45 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Cub Pack Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	ASP LEAVES ON MISSION TRIP	8:00 AM
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**~ Today's Worship Assistants ~**

Altar Guild	8:00 AM	Sandy Landis		
Assistant	8:00 AM	Sandy Bergey	10:30 AM	Debbie Turofski
Ushers	9:15 AM	Debbie Gryshuk & Katie Gryshuk		
	10:30 AM	Leroy Stevens, Tom & Sandy Landis		
Monday	Fern Roth, Linny Genszler & D. Brendlinger			