

## August 7, 2011 | Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

### The Readings from Scripture

(Please be seated)

### The First Reading

1 Kings 19:9–18

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

A reading from the book of Kings

<sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

<sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;

and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

<sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire;

and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

<sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

<sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;

when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

<sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel;

and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

<sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Second Reading**

Romans 10:5–15

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

A reading from the book of Romans

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."

<sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

<sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

<sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

<sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

<sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone,

<sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

<sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

<sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him,

"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind,

he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

<sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

***The Gospel of our Lord.***



## ***The Prayers of Intercession***

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.*

O God: We pray for all who gather today in your name in every land. Increase their faith and service. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

From the tiniest ladybug to the grandest ocean—your entire creation is a masterpiece, full of power and beauty. Help us treat this gift with respect and care. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all nations in conflict and for those in need (*especially*), we ask for your presence, O God. We pray for peace and for all who fight for the rights of others. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering (*especially*) that relief might come and grief be quieted. For those who are afraid, give them courage and strength. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Look with mercy on this congregation, O God. Be present in this place to guide our steps and light our path. 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.**

We give thanks, O God, for the faithful service of all who abide with you in heaven. May their examples of faith give us insight for our own pilgrimage on earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## St. Paul's Prayer List ✂ Weekly update to the July Vision

Betty Treffinger – LVH I-78  
Joe DiCarlo  
Kevin Langenback–father of Kip & Kristen  
Louise Mest  
Eugene Woehr  
Franklin Renninger  
Gladys Sands – at home  
The Blancheck Family & Gregg Fetterman  
cousins of Diane McMurtrie

Harry Diehl – Brother of Barbara Roeder  
The Blancheck Family & Gregg Fetterman  
cousins of Diane McMurtrie  
Gloria Bobyak – Friend of Linda Shagg  
USN AT1 Steven Moyer –  
Son of Nancy McClain  
Marie Seever – Friend of Grims  
Kevin Steinman– Nephew of Ida Benner

Please look in the current edition of the Vision Newsletter for other names on our prayer list. The Sunday bulletins only list updates to the complete list in the Vision.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William O. Schwenk presented by family.

**Capital Improvement Fund** ~ We have currently received a total of \$65,858. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

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|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Elevator Fund</b> ~ | Gifts Previously Committed   | \$55,000.00        |
|                        | Gifts Received as of 8.02.11 | \$15,320.00        |
|                        | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$70,320.00</b> |

**Victory House** ~ We will be traveling to the Victory House on August 14<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet is located outside fellowship hall on the bulletin board. If you are interested in traveling to the Victory House to help serve, would like to prepare food prior to the trip or have any questions about the Victory House at all, please contact Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or email foreman3@hotmail.com.

### Can you help? | “Back to School Supplies”

Back to School Supplies are needed by *Open Line* for children in need within the Upper Perk Valley as families prepare for a new school year. The following items are needed:



backpacks | facial tissues | hand sanitizers | 3-ring binders | wide-ruled paper/notebooks  
3-ring binders | pencils | colored pencils | pencil sharpeners | crayons| pens | markers  
highlighters | rulers| pencil boxes | pocket folders | erasers | index cards | glue | scissors  
book covers | protractors | calculators | dictionaries | college-ruled paper/notebooks

Donated items may be placed in the boxes located in the church hallways near the lower classroom office and fellowship hall. Your assistance with any of the above items would be appreciated. Thank you!

**The Vision for July and August** ~ is available on the church web site, or in hardcopy on the information rack in the Fellowship hallway. Please note the article on page 12 that explains why the Vision will no longer be coming to you in the mail. If you do not have a computer or can not get to church to pick up your copy, please call the church office and we will see what arrangements we can make to get one to you

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

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| <b>Sunday</b>                                | Early Service with Holy Communion  | 8:00 AM  |
|  | Contemporary Service w/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 |
|  | 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>                                | Praise Team  | 7:30 PM  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                               | No Council or Finance Committee Meetings this month                      |          |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                             | Lunch Bunch  | 7:00 PM  |
|  | AA   | 8:00 PM  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                | Early Service with Holy Communion  | 8:00 AM  |
|  | Contemporary Service w/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 |
|  | Victory House  | 4:30 PM  |
|  | Generations Choir – <i>resumes in September</i>                          |          |
|  | Bell Choir – <i>resumes in September</i>                                 |          |
| Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i> | 8:00 PM  |          |

### ***~ Today's Worship Assistants ~***

|             |                           |                                |          |                 |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Altar Guild | 8:00 AM                   | Nicole Walter                  | 10:30 AM | Stephanie Smith |
| Assistant   | 8:00 AM                   | Nancy Yerger                   | 10:30 AM | Joanne Hersh    |
| Ushers      | 9:15 AM                   | Bob and Mary Lou Weber         |          |                 |
|             | 10:30 AM                  | Floyd Treffinger & John Hinkle |          |                 |
| Monday      | Charles Shagg & Tom Sands |                                |          |                 |

***Lunch Bunch News*** ~ It is Lunch Bunch Picnic Time!!! Mark WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 11:30 am on your calendar. We enjoy and share picnic foods brought to our monthly gathering in fellowship hall. We will be entertaining ourselves with fun and new games for all. Come out and join us. Bring your friends and relatives, they do not have to be a member of St. Pauls to enjoy Lunch Bunch. You only need to be over the age of 50 male and female. Please bring your mug for a beverage! If you shop at Redners, use your Save-A-Tape Card, Lunch Bunch saves the tapes for program expenses. We will gladly accept your tapes. Hope you will join us!

***Calling All Women*** ~ A fall Women's Event will be held on Saturday, October 1st from 9 to 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for "Fallin' for Jesus". Morning refreshments and gathering from 9 to 10 with the program beginning at 10. There will be special guest speakers, fun, fellowship, games, video clips, singing, and prizes for all. A luncheon will follow. There is no cost for the program OR the luncheon. A free will offering for the day will be accepted. All women are welcome. Please help us spread the word and invite as many of your friends and family to join us. A sign up sheet and poster will be located on the bulletin board in Fellowship hallway. Please sign up so we have enough food for all. Any questions see or call Bonnie Bonser 215-679-5553 ext. 125 or Jan Woertz 215-541-1027.