

August 28, 2011 | Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

The Readings from Scripture

(Please be seated)

The First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah:

- ¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
- ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
- ²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
- ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:9–21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

A Reading from the Book of Romans:

- ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.
¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.
¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty,
but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.
¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.
¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;
for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."
²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty,
give them something to drink;
for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."
²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter

²¹From that time on,

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!

You are a stumbling block to me;

for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 work today to share the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ. We especially remember those who gather under the threat of persecution, that they might be sustained. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

From the smallest ant to the tallest tree—your entire creation is a masterpiece and a gift. Help us treat your creation with respect and care. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all nations at war or facing disease and poverty (*especially*), we ask for your life-giving presence and peace, O God. We pray for clean water and an end to hunger. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Look with compassion on all who are suffering: the unemployed, abused and neglected children, people who are depressed and lonely, and those facing challenges to their health (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Look with kindness on this community, O God. Weave us into a net that provides comfort and support, refuge and friendship. 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.

With thanksgiving, O God, we remember all who abide with you in heaven (*especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black, monk and martyr*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Can you help? | “**Back to School Supplies**” needed by *Open Line* for children in need within the Upper Perk Valley as families prepare for a new school year. They need: backpacks | facial tissues | hand sanitizers | 3-ring binders | wide-ruled paper | pencils | notebooks | 3-ring binders | colored pencils | pencil sharpeners | crayons | pens | rulers | markers | highlighters | 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, lower classroom office and fellowship hall. Your assistance is appreciated. Thank you!

OKTOBERFEST - Will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 2 - 6 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glenside. Benefits Lutheran Disaster Relief.

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

Barry Angstadt - *cousin of S. Keyser*
Paul Angstadt - *cousin of S. Keyser*
Ron Angstadt - *cousin of S. Keyser*
Eugene Woehr – *Grandview Hospital*
Joe DiCarlo
Randy Zitta – *Friend of the Gryshuks*
Kevin Langenback – *father of Kip & Kristen*
Betty Treffinger
Louise Mest
Franklin Renninger

The Blanche Family & Gregg Fetterman
cousins of Diane McMurtrie
Tom Roth – *son of Fern Roth*
Harry Diehl – *Brother of Barbara Roeder*
The Blanche 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.

We remember in our prayers Frannie Lechner and family on the death of her brother Gary Peterman. Together we join the Lechner and Peterman families in sharing the promise of the resurrection through Christ Jesus.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret and Claude Reiman presented by Betty Treffinger and Family.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in Loving memory of the 26th anniversary of the retirement of Barney Wetzel as St. Paul's organist.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our precious daughter Jennifer presented by parents Mr. and Mrs. John Cairns, brother John and sister Allison.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$66,124. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

Elevator Fund ~	Gifts Previously Committed	\$55,000.00
	Gifts Received as of 8.15.11	\$15,370.00
	Total	\$70,370.00

Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, September 14 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone age 50+ is welcome. Bring your friends and relatives. Bring your lunch and a mug. Dessert and beverage are provided. Entertainment will be an Antique Appraiser from Alderfer Auctions. Everyone is invited to bring one item to be appraised. Try to arrive early to have your item logged in. This is free of charge. September is our "Shower of Blessing" month. Please bring a paper product or non-perishable food item. Don't forget your Redner Tapes for Lunch Bunch. Use your Save-A-Tape card when you shop Redners.

Fall Women's Event - Saturday, October 1st from 9 to 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for "Fallin' for Jesus". Morning refreshments and gathering at 9, program starts at 10. There will be 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. Please invite friends and family to join us. A sign up sheet is 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.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School - <i>resumes September 11</i>	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	ASP Planning Meeting – Library	4:00 PM
	Generations Choir – <i>resumes September 11</i>	6:30 PM
	Bell Choir – <i>resumes September 11</i>	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM

Monday Praise Team 7:30 PM

Wednesday AA 8:00 PM

Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion/Baptism	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School - <i>resumes September 11</i>	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Generations Choir – <i>resumes September 11</i>	6:30 PM
	Bell Choir – <i>resumes September 11</i>	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous – <i>Pavilion for picnic</i>	6:00 PM

Today's Worship Assistants

Next Sunday's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild	8:00 AM	Nicole Oswald	Sandy Landis
	10:30 AM		
Assistant	8:00 AM	Sandra Bergey	Wash: Pat Walter
	10:30 AM	Vicar Ryan	Lewis Hill
Ushers	9:15 AM	Ron Rodenberger	Joanne Hersh
	10:30 AM	George Bonekemper	Rich Kressley
		Bruce Baver	Traci Kressley
Monday		Laverne Keyser	Alan Richard
		Sandy Bergey	Donald Dulin
		Eleanor King	Tuesday: Fern Roth
		Diane Leister	D. Brendlinger
			Linnny Genszler

Remembering "9/11" here at St. Paul's on the morning of Sun., September 11 all three worship hours will begin with a prayer of remembrance and the tolling of the tower bell. A community service will be hosted at St. Philip's on Sunday, September 11 at 3 PM.

Victory House - September 11 at 4:30 PM. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the fish tank hallway. Contact Laura Foreman with questions: foreman3@hotmail.com

Sunday School | Ages 2 - grade 6 resumes on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 AM.

Confirmation Ministry | *Grades 7, 8 & 9 - Orientation meeting with youth & parents* Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.

One combined worship hour on Sunday, October 2 at 9:15 AM where we will dedicate the elevator, recognize service ministries in the congregation, and have a blessing for students and teachers as a new school year begins. A luncheon follows.

First Communion Instruction for those in kindergarten or older to be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 8th • 9:30 AM.