

November 13, 2011 / Twenty Second Sunday of Pentecost

The Readings from Scripture

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah:

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of Intercession

In grateful response to God's endless bounty of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Everlasting God, stir your church to be ever vigilant and awake. Deliver us from every fear and distraction, that we might be found faithful on the day of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Ruler of the universe, keep us faithful in our stewardship of your creation. Inspire our serving, our care-taking, and the use of our talents, that we may be trustworthy in all things.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, deliver all nations from the day of wrath. Bear up the peacemakers with your mighty arm.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all mercy, defend the weak, the ill, and those in any need (*especially*), that they might be delivered from their distress and restored to sing your praises.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, the strength of those who hope in you, as the days darken and the earth in many places becomes dormant, deliver us from every fear. Shine the light of your love into our lives, that we might build each other up.
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.

O God, giver of all life, raise us from every grief (*especially*). Meet us with your merciful embrace and bear us along in the hope of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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

Cory Fenstermaker – St. Luke's Hospital
Alma Leister – LV Hospital

Frank Grim
Calvin Miller

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 in loving memory of Dale Braue (11/18/1962 - 9/13/2009) presented by Marybeth and Jim Lemon.

Today at the 9:15am service we welcome Christopher, Shannon, & Kira Struble; Chris, Jordan, Jenna Moyer, Kim Voorhess & Mackenzie Williams as New Members of this faith community. We will also be welcoming Kira Struble & Mackenzie Williams into God's Family through Holy Baptism. We will also celebrate with Mackenzie Williams, Nicholas Losinno & Ali Lord as they make their first communion at the 9:15 am Worship Service.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$67,199. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

Elevator Fund ~	Project Cost	\$170,000.00
	Total Gifts Received as of 11.1	\$73,050.00

Thank you to all who supported yesterdays ASP Ham Dinner

ASP at St. Paul's will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary of home repairs with an ASP reunion picnic on July 28, 2012. A combined worship hour will be held at 9:15 on July 29 with Pastor Bill Bixby as the guest preacher. Pastor Bixby was associate pastor during the initial years of ASP.



Choral Concert ~ The world-renowned Westminster Choir will perform on November 19 at 8:00 pm at Quakertown High School. Tickets \$10 adults & \$5 students (available at the door or from Karen in the church office at St. Pauls). Doors open at 7:30.

Blood Drive ~ Community Bible Fellowship is hosting a blood drive on November 14 from 12 to 7 PM. Call Sherry Peterson for an appointment 215-679-8656.

Flower Sponsor Needed ~ We are in need of a flower sponsor for December 18, 2011. If you can help, please contact Heather Walter at 215-5471-4069.

Scouting For Food: Cub Scout Pack 170 is participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive. We will be handing out bags between services today (Sunday November 12). Please fill the bags with canned and boxed food items and bring them back to church on November 19th. We will be collecting the filled bags between services. There will also be boxes for collection in the fish tank hallway and downstairs near the UPCCC office. All of the donated food will go to Open Line to help them out during the busy Holiday season. Thank you for helping with this need in our community.

A Bake Sale will be sponsored by the Jr. Youth on Sunday, November 20 to raise money for Christmas gifts for a family in need.



If you would like to participate in giving to the fall United Way Campaign and supporting our child care center you may designate on the form noting: Upper Perkiomen Child Care #43143 .

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	9:15 AM
	Late Service	10:30 AM
	Victory House	4:00 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
Monday	Cub Den Meeting	6:30 PM
	Praise Team	7:30 PM
Tuesday	Robotics Team	6:30 PM
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 PM
	AA	8:00 PM
Thursday	Bible study off site	7:00 PM
Friday	Brownies & Daisies	6:30 PM
Saturday	Robotics Team	9:00 AM
Sunday	<i>Bake Sale sponsored by the Jr. Youth Group</i>	
	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Cub Pack Meeting	2:00 PM
	Table Talk	4:30 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM	

Today's Worship Assistants

Next Sunday's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild:	8:00AM	Sandy Landis	8:00AM	Nicole Walter
Assistant:	8:00AM	Nancy Yerger	8:00AM	Lewis Hill
	10:30AM	Robert Walp	10:30AM	Jan Woertz
Ushers:	9:15AM	Ron Leister	9:15AM	Craig Frank
		Diane Leister		Lori Frank
	10:30AM	Jeff Bird	10:30AM	Brian Stever
		Tyler Bird		Frank Grim
		Charles Roth		Chad Grim
Monday:		Sandy Bergey	Monday:	Sandy Bergey
		Claude Croisette		Diane Leister
		Jean Croisette		Eleanor King

Senior Youth Group will be holding a Christmas Cookie Sale. We are offering Snickerdoodles, Spritz Cookies, Sugar Cookies and Molasses Cookies at \$3 per dozen. Only pre-orders will be accepted. Please order on the bulletin board in the fish tank hallway by Sunday November 27th. Cookies pickup will be at church on Sunday December 4th. Part of the proceeds will go to support an Open Line Ministry.