

November 20, 2011 | Christ the King

The Readings from Scripture

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel:

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

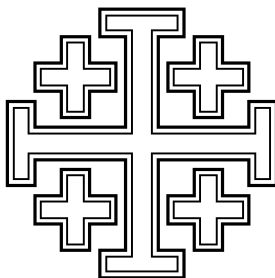
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bell Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr: Helman



The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15–23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

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

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



For in the one spirit
we were all baptized
into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of our Lord.

The Prayers of Intercession

Clinging to the promise of abundant life and resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Ruler of the universe, bring your wisdom to the churches of the world. Strengthen their proclamation of the gracious reign of Christ to all people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, make us wise and mindful caretakers of the land, air, and water. Turn us away from patterns of careless and neglectful stewardship of your good earth.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of power, guide the nations into ways of justice and truth. Where conflicts prevail, may peace be forthcoming. Strengthen the weak. Temper the strong.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing (*especially*).
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of glory, guide our lives in service to you through love and care for all your children. Strengthen us to seek justice for all people and to reach out in welcome to the stranger in our midst.
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.

Life-giving God, strengthen us to face our mortality with humility and courage, and to trust in your promise of life from death. Support those who grieve (*especially*).
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

Alma Leister – *LV Hospital*

Frank Grim

Cory Fenstermaker – *recovering at home*

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 and honor of the birthday anniversary of Bill Brey presented by Mary Jane Schaffer.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$67,224. 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 11.11	\$73,150.00



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.

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.

The Wingman Bar & Grill in East Greenville will be hosting a complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need on Thanksgiving Day (11.24) at 1 pm. A family representative can pick up tickets from the restaurant no later than Tuesday the 22nd. For more details please call the restaurant at (267) 923-5067 and ask for a manager.

Lunch Bunch - December 14 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and plan on joining our friendly group. Anyone 50+ years is welcome to join us. This month you need to pack a sandwich and bring a mug. Soup will be provided. For dessert we ask that each person attending bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share for every ones enjoyment. As we celebrate this most joyful season of our Saviors' birth, we will be entertained with the sweet voices of the children of St. Paul's Day Care. Bring your family and friends to join us. Can you believe this is the close of 2011. Lunch Bunch is still saving Redner Save-A-Tape Register Tapes. Use your card if you are a Redner shopper and bring your tapes to church. The proceeds help to defray program expenses. Thank you.

Bake Sale Today! The Junior Youth will be holding a Bake Sale to raise money to help a local family in need through Open Line. Please stop by before and after any of the three services today to purchase a yummy treat. This is a perfect opportunity to help out those in need as well as purchase a homemade pie or dessert to share with your family on Thanksgiving!

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.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
EVE
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Please join our community at:
7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 23
at St. Mark's in Pennsburg
for an evening worship service.
All are welcome!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE
Orders Due By December 11th ~ \$12.00/pot

*It's time to order Christmas Poinsettias. Please return this order form to the St. Paul's Office before December 11^h with your payment for your order. Each large, Multi-bunched, potted plant costs **\$12.00**. Completed order form should be turned in with money. Please make your check out to **St. Paul's** and mark the "MEMO" line on your check for Christmas poinsettias.*

Your sponsorship will help beautify the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your support.

Number of plants _____

Given by _____

Please choose one:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

_____ to the glory of God

*Plants may be picked up **following**
the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve service.*

_____ I will pick up my plant (s)
_____ I am donating my plant(s) to the
sick or homebound.



This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday	Bake Sale Today! After All Services	
	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
Monday	Cub Scout Committee	7:00 PM
	Cemetery Committee	7:00 PM
	Praise Team	7:30 PM
Tuesday	Robotics Team	6:30 PM
	Finance Committee	6:45 PM
	Council	7:30 PM
Wednesday	AA	8:00 PM
Thursday	HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE AND UPCCC CLOSED	
Friday	Daisies	6:30 PM
Saturday	Robotics Team	9:00 AM
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 with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Cookie Sale Orders Due Today Sr. Youth Group	11:30 AM
	Youth Club	4:00 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
		Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>

Today's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild:	8:00AM	Nicole Walter
Assistant:	8:00AM	Lewis Hill
	10:30AM	Jan Woertz
Ushers:	9:15AM	Craig Frank
		Lori Frank
	10:30AM	Brian Stever
		Frank Grim
		Chad Grim
Monday:		Sandy Bergey
		Diane Leister
		Eleanor King

Next Sunday's Worship Assistants

8:00AM	Barb Miller
8:00AM	Charles Shagg
10:30AM	Vicar Ryan
9:15AM	Carol Elias
	Brad Hendershot
10:30AM	Floyd Treffinger
	Hohn Hinkle
Monday:	Fern Roth
	Dorie Brendlinger
	Linwood Genszler



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.