

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

October 30 - November 5



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Church Closures

Please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

View from the Pulpit: Father Bill

Reading the Gospel of Luke is best done with a magnifying glass like a seasoned detective in an Agatha Christy Novel. Sprinkled throughout the text are clues like scattered gold-dust that tells us so much about the author, the mission, the audience and the purpose of the Gospel.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest, Matthew's the longest, but Luke is written in the best Greek. John has a limited vocabulary, of a Jew writing in another language, but Luke is expansive, detailed.

Luke's Gospel is a detailed account of many eyewitnesses strung and woven together by a skilled editor.

Luke is writing around 70 to 80 ad. He is already aware of Mark's Gospel and repeats many of his stories. Yet there is continued evidence in Luke that he is writing not just to fellow Jews in the Diaspora but Gentiles also. He has a knack of explaining Jewish words, practices, customs, introducing Jewish prayer as if he was instructing foreigners to Judaism. He explains Old Testament names and their role in the great salvific plan of Yahweh; names that every Jew would know from childhood such as Abraham, Jacob and David.

There is a 'universality' about Luke's Gospel. It is addressed to 'Theophilus' or 'lovers of God.' It is a 'catch-all' Gospel in which Jesus reaches out to foreigners, Romans, the untouchables, outcasts, lepers and the poor. If Christ did indeed call people to form a church, that church in Luke is a 'universal church'.

There are two other distinctive themes that run through the Gospel of Luke. One is his constant use of the term 'The Holy Spirit.' Luke's Gospel has Jesus using a power that flows through him from God and he continually invokes the Holy Spirit. Luke's church is a church in the power of the Spirit.

Much of this is deeply Pauline and we know Paul's influence on Luke from his Missionary Journeys in the 'Acts of the Apostles.' Central to Pauline theology is the resurrection of Christ. From this flows the charisms of the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit that call all to ministry. Faith in Luke is an active Faith, an empowered faith.

The third theme in Luke is his use of the term 'the Kingdom' It is invasive throughout the Gospel. Jesus has come to bring about a new kind of kingdom and that kingdom has already begun. It is 'realized eschatology', a flame that cannot be extinguished and we are all a part of it.

Personally, I see so much of Paul in Luke's Gospel; the knowledgeable Jew imparting his knowledge and making sense of this growing movement that we call church. We continue. As we near the end of the Season of Pentecost and enter Advent those first chapters of Luke are a great way to prepare for that season with Luke's Nativity stories. Good Reading. Amen.

View from the Pew:

Friendship

Here is a simplified definition of friendship: doing something for somebody without the expectation of something in return. However, there is a limit to this when it gets to the point of being taken advantage of. Friendship is a two way street and there is gratitude for kindness and patience in more difficult times. In some cases, some sacrifices have to be made, but then there are also wonderful fun filled times together. We all have strengths and weaknesses, and friends can play off of each other to strengthen each other as well as the relationship. We should be able to tease and rib each other without feeling sensitive and not having the feeling of walking on eggshells. A true test of friendship is after being apart, even for years at a time, and then meet up again as though it was the day before, with no awkwardness. I have a good friend that helps me with things such as building a dock and other mechanically involved things that I seem to be challenged with, and I'll help him with putting up deer stands and taking his aging mother to appointments and keeping her connected with the community. Then we do things that just entail pure unadulterated enjoyment. These are the things that make what is sometimes a difficult life journey into a wonderful, fulfilling life.

Treat each other respectfully and follow the practice of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. In other words, if you want to be treated with kindness, be kind to others. Or, as in Jeremiah 9:24, "But let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises loving kindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things, declares the LORD."

- John Warriner

We would love for you to be included!

Article submissions (photos, community news items, or a personal or faith story) are due every Wednesday. This is YOUR newsletter, and all congregants are invited to share their stories and photos. Please email your items to Kate at stpaulsmontrose@epix.net or John Warriner at jdwarri@me.com; post an item to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church St. Montrose, PA 18801 on Facebook; or drop a note in the offering plate.

Sundays Service

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms: 32:1-8

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,
11-12

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: Vickie Calby

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Karen Blye
McAbee

Announcements: Vickie Calby

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Organist: Rudy Sumpter

This week's Hymns:

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

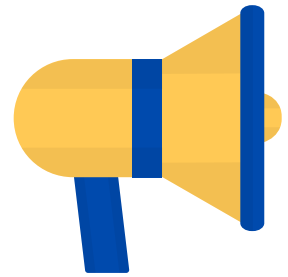
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Happenings and Announcements



Soup Night 11/2

We need soup makers! Soup Night is coming up fast. If you are willing to make a soup or donate some ingredients or time, please contact the office to let us know!

Mother Liz is away

Mother Liz will be out from 10/16-11/8. If you have any pastoral emergencies, please call Lynne Graham at (570) 934-1106



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Jeannine Ball, Sandy Nagy, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Vanessa Smith, Rebecca Bechtel.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.



This Months Birthdays:

Carol Arnold 10/3, Al Leigh 10/12, Benson Bartron 10/13, Vickie Calby 10/19, Rachel Bartron 10/22, Robert Smith 10/23, Carol Marker 10/31



This Months Anniversaries:

Dan & Lynne Graham 10/5
Jerry & Maggie Sock 10/20

Our thanksgivings:

We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Amen.

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.

Susquehanna County



We are collecting coats in
October & November

Distribution Dates

Christ Church: Forest City: Oct. 27, 28, 29

St. Marks Church: Nov. 3-4

VFW Great Bend: Nov. 14-15

St. Paul's Montrose: Dec. 14-15

Last Week's Service and Events

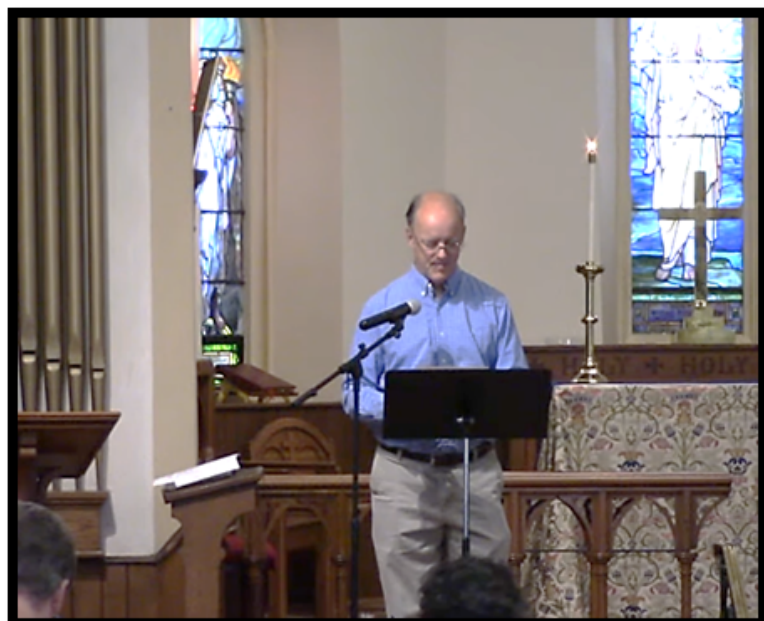
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - OCTOBER 23

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

With Mother Liz in Israel, the October 23rd live-streamed 10:00 Morning Prayer was led by Vickie Calby, who also did the announcements. John Warriner read as lector and Rudy Sumpter played the organ. The service included three hymns along with the Prelude and Postlude. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love



Mother Liz in Israel

Yup, we heard from her! Mother Liz sent us some pictures from Israel and it looks like she got a little sun and that she and Mother Rebecca are enjoying the Holy Land.



Wooly Bear Caterpillar Predicts the Weather

Took a picture of this guy crossing our sidewalk to Church Street. Some of the old residents told me the longer the black bands the colder it will be. If this guy knows what he is talking about in predicting the weather, it will be a mild winter.

Coats for Our Community

The coat caravan has left Christ Church, Susquehanna and moved to Christ Church, Forest City. Susquehanna gave out over 200 coats and 50 hats plus blankets and gloves. The picture is of the kids at Susquehanna who helped at the church, unloading, hanging the coats on the racks and unloading. It is truly a community effort.



Remember When - Halloween at St. Paul's 2021



LATE OCTOBER IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

The weather has been outstanding. You have to be careful driving, the deer are everywhere.

The wind is spreading the milkweed's silky seeds so that next year's crop will grow. There are several corn mazes around and if you can find one, they are fun to go through and worth the trip.. That maple tree on high street in town still has the prettiest fall leaves and our country roads have taken on a covering of leaves. It's been a great Fall so far..

