

## THE WORD OF GOD

*(Sunday Take-home Insert – Second Sunday after Pentecost IRCL)*

### Collect

*Presider:* The Lord is with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray. I will say it first, and then you repeat.

**Dear God here we are  
Giving thanks for this day.  
With Jesus your Son  
I give you this day.  
I give you my heart,  
And with you I pray.  
Your kingdom will come. Amen.**

*A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.*

### Christian Scriptures

#### Isaiah 49:8-16a

*Reader:* A reading from Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says YHWH: “At the time of my favor I will answer you, on the day of salvation I will help you. I will keep you, and appoint you to be a covenant people. I will restore the land and assign you the properties that have lain waste. I will say to the prisoners, ‘Come out!’ and to those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves!’ Congested roadways will become places where they can safely graze, and barren heights will become lush pastureland for them. They will never hunger or thirst, and scorching wind and sun will never plague them; for the One who has compassion on them will lead and guide them to springs of water. I will make roads through all the mountains, and my highways will be raised up, because they are on their way from afar, some from the north or the west, others from the land of Aswan. Shout for joy, you heavens! Exalt, you earth! You mountains, break into happy cries! For YHWH consoles the people and takes pity on those who are afflicted. But Zion said, ‘YHWH has abandoned me, Adonai has forgotten me.’ Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the child of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you. Look and see: I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 131: My Soul Is Still** (*David Haas*)

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Hymn (see hymn board)

*We stand as able.*

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 6:24-34**

*Deacon:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Assembly:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“No one can serve two superiors. You will either hate one and love the other, or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and Money. That’s why I tell you not to worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Isn’t life more than just food? Isn’t the body more than just clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet Our God in heaven feeds them. Aren’t you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to your lifespan? And why be anxious about clothing? Learn a lesson from the way the wildflowers grow. They don’t work; they don’t spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in full splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grasses of the field, which bloom today and are thrown on the fire tomorrow, won’t God do so much more for you – you who have so little faith? Stop worrying, then, over questions such as, ‘What are we to eat,’ or ‘what are we to drink,’ or ‘what are we to wear?’ Those without faith are always running after these things. God knows everything you need. Seek first God’s reign, and God’s justice, and all these things will be given to you besides. Enough of worrying about tomorrow! Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own.”

*Deacon:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

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25 May 2008

**WELCOME** to all visitors and guests this morning! After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the lower level (accessible by stairs or elevator) for coffee and conversation.

### TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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|---------------------------|---|
| Presider:                 | Rise Thew Forrester                                   |
| Preacher:                 | Rise Thew Forrester                                   |
| Deacon:                   | Larry Shell   |
| Organist:                 | Jan Brodersen   |
| First Reader:             |   |
| Second Reader:            |   |
| Prayers of the People:    |   |
| Chalice Bearers:          |   |
| Ushers:                   |   |
| Server:                   |   |
| Altar Guild:              | Bertha Loehde and Ann Smith                           |
| Nursery Attendant:        |   |
| Coffee Hour Hosts:        | Karen Benstrom and Michelle and Jamie Randall         |
| Evening Prayer Officiant: | Vince Reed  |
| Children's Ministry:      | Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey       |
| Eucharistic Visitors:     | MGH: Marcia Franz; Bill Mudge: Dan and Barb Carpenter |

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

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| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Memorial Day                |          |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Morning Meditation          | 8:00 am  |
|                            | Youth Ministry Meeting      | 5:30 am  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Evening Prayer              | 5:30 pm  |
|                            | Soup Supper (Messenger)     | 6:00 pm  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning Meditation          | 8:00 am  |
|                            | Trust Committee             | 12:00 pm |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Holy Eucharist: 3 Pentecost | 10:30 am |

### CHURCH HOURS TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

It was decided by the Vestry to continue the current schedule for the Sunday service throughout the summer.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The Choir will take a hiatus from practice over the summer months and resume again in September. Have a great summer!

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Food Bank items for May are: baked beans, canned vegetables and powdered beverage mixes. As always, other items are welcomed. Monetary donations can be made by writing "Food Donations: on the memo line of your check or marking the envelope the same when donating cash. Both can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday. Questions about Hunger Ministry? Call Larry Shell: 360-8214 or email him at [larry@shell-family.com](mailto:larry@shell-family.com).

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory or celebration of a loved one can sign up on the list on the board in the atrium. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jayne McQuaid at 226-2355.

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### ATTENTION YOUTH!

Mark the following dates on your calendar and plan on attending these activities:

**Today – Youth Sunday** This will close our Sunday Youth Programming for the summer. The Youth Ministry Team will celebrate our Youth and our time together with an ice cream social after the service.

**Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Ministry Meeting, 5:30-7:30 pm in the Great Room. Bring a sack dinner and please come and offer feedback for this past year and ideas for next year's Youth programming. Be a part of this important ministry in "thought, word (and,or)deed"!

### OUTREACH SUNDAY AT ST. PAUL'S

On the last Sunday of every month, we support local outreach activities in two ways:

**DONATIONS OF FOOD AND MONEY** Non-perishable food items and designated money are given alternately to two Marquette area food pantries: St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army.

**MONETARY DONATIONS** to a Marquette Area Social Service Agency. Each month, a different agency receives our outreach contributions. This month's agency is *Camp New Day*. Each year, the Marquette County chapter builds about six homes for low income families.

### SUMMER QUARTER SIGN UP/AVAILABILITY LIST

#### LITURGICAL LEADERS, USHERS AND COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Summer Quarter list and rosters for the various activities are posted through June 8 on the "Sign Up" bulletin board across from the Chapel. Completed Summer Quarter schedules will be distributed beginning June 15. If there are periods when you should not be scheduled, please indicate that in the appropriate spaces of the schedule "Away", or roster – "Comments". This is especially important during the period of summer vacations. You may use the appropriate roster to increase or decrease your involvement in any of these activities. I especially need more people to serve as coffee hour hosts. Bob Railey

### THE RELIGIOUS VOICE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan and the Interfaith Forum of Marquette County

What does it mean today to be a citizen who is committed to their faith? *What is the role of the voice of faith in democracy? How can the many voices of the faithful conduct a civil discourse with elected officials? How do we affirm both the "Separation of Church and State" (or Mosque or Synagogue or Temple...)? How do we affirm the value language of the many faith communities? What about 'hot button' issues on war, capital punishment, the environment, healthcare and poverty?*

These questions and others will be the focus of this conference to be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Marquette on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm. Entitled "*The Religious Voice in the Public Square*", it promises to invite participants into conversation around these questions as we "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

Conference planners have invited Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, US House of Representatives Tom Casperson, Michael Lahti, Steven Lindberg and Gary McDowell (or a representative from their respective offices), and local leadership to come and enter into conversation with us. Retired Judge Pat Micklow of Marquette will be moderator of the conference.

Lunch will be provided. **Please register by June 7<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please contact Rayford Ray at [rayfordray@chartermi.net](mailto:rayfordray@chartermi.net) or by phone at 906-360-1901, or to register please call Jane Cislucis at 800-236-0087, or email [jane@upepiscopal.org](mailto:jane@upepiscopal.org).

## BEING RECEIVED INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There are many paths into God, all of them sacred, and each emphasizes something different and beautiful. St. Paul's stands within the Christian path of the Episcopal Church. As followers of the way of Jesus of Nazareth, we are a community of people on a journey – we hold as sacred the questioning mind and the searching heart. We worship in the presence of a God whose love knows no bounds. The table around which we gather and are fed is open to all, for this table is the face of a bountiful God.

If it may be your experience that the Episcopal church offers a life-giving path, and you are interested in being received into this Church family in the near future or simply want to discuss the possibility and process, please contact Sandra Purrington (225-5453 or [spurrington1142@charter.net](mailto:spurrington1142@charter.net)), Barb Carpenter (226-7571 or [bandcarpenter@charter.net](mailto:bandcarpenter@charter.net)) or Kevin Thew Forrester (226-2912 or [kevintf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kevintf@sbcglobal.net)).

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