

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

August 4, 2022



Combined Summer Worship

Our summer worship with St. John Lutheran Church physically changes location THIS Sunday and we will worship together at Redeemer. Sunday worship service time remains at 9:30 a.m. So that we can worship in air conditioned comfort, we will gather in the Parish Hall. Combined Summer Worship will continue through Labor Day. Our regular schedule will commence on September 11; Sunday School will also begin on that date.



Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Lambeth Call on human dignity

I did want to talk with you—just briefly, especially for our LGBTQ family. I know that there is legitimately some anxiety and concern about the conversations and the direction that might emerge from this Lambeth Conference, specifically regarding same-sex marriage. I want you to know, though, that at the end of this day, when we did discuss same-sex marriage and marriage in general, in the context of talking about human dignity, and the ministry of reconciliation in Christ, I left that conversation hopeful. I left it hopeful, not because we all came to agreement across all of our differences. No, no, we didn't even try to do that. I left hopeful not because I convinced anybody of where I stand, or that they convinced me of where they stand. I left hopeful because this group of bishops today seem to be able to recognize and affirm our love and respect for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ in the body of Jesus Christ. And that we could find a way to honor and respect our differences. If we love each other, and love our Lord. That, my friends, is a sign of hope. That is a sign of hope. That makes room and space for all of us to be in the course of our conversations.

Read the full text here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/08/PB-statement-at-Lambeth-v2-FINAL-TRANSCRIPT.pdf>

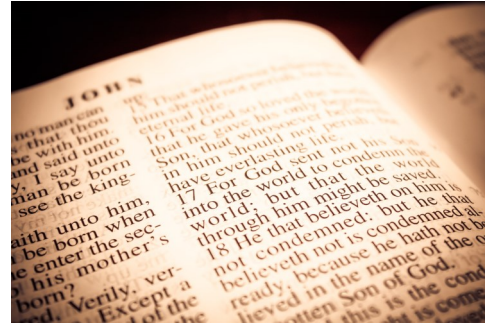
Scripture Reflections

First Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



Scripture Reflections

Reflection on the Gospel by David J Schlafer from Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word

Being rich toward God is not primarily about putting sizable sums in the offering plate. Making moth- and thief-proof purses is not merely a better business strategy than building bigger barns. What Jesus enjoins, rather, is an orientation toward the whole of life as abundant gift from a generous God—a gift that can, therefore, be given away with abandon. Neither receiving nor sharing is possible when hands are grasped and fingers clenched.



Reflection on the Isaiah by Stacy Simpson Duke from Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word

A word such as this does not lose its relevance, because this is always a core problem for God’s people—the gap between our practice and our praise. “How can you worship a homeless man on Sunday and ignore one on Monday?” the poster at the homeless shelter asks. The poster may seem glib, but it does point to our perpetual problem: translating our worship into action. Our inattention to injustice delegitimizes our praise.

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If we want to lift our blood-soaked hands to God, there is only one thing left to do: “Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean” (v. 16). What is required to come clean before God? “Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice” (vv. 16–17). In the broadest terms, it is the turning of a life and the turning of a community of lives.

In specific terms, doing good and seeking justice look like this: “rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow” (v. 17). If the people of God want to lift their hands to God in prayer, they will extend their hands to the most vulnerable as well.

Vacation Bible School

Would you like to see all of the fun we had at Vacation Bible School this year? Well now you can. Just visit our website at redeemersayre.org. You can simply scroll down to “Reliving Zoomerang Vacation Bible School” or you can click on our “Scrapbook Section” VBS 2022, and if you have a Google or Apple account, you will be asked to login using one of those . We think you will enjoy seeing all of the fun and learning that we had.

Pastor Scott on vacation

Pastor Scott Harvey will be away Monday August 8 through Saturday August 13. He’ll return to the parish for worship on Sunday, August 14th where he will be the preacher. Pastor Melinda will be away that Sunday, representing the Diocese at Good Shepherd Milford PA.

*Happy
Birthday*

Glenn Murrelle 8/3

Tracy Schamel 8/8

**Rep. Tina Pickett Invites
Senior Citizens to her**

21st Senior Expo on Friday, Aug. 5

*This Expo is specially designed for senior citizens
ages 55 and older and their families.*

**Friday, Aug. 5,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lynch-Bustin
Elementary School
253 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Athens**

**A town hall meeting will be held at
11:30 a.m.**

SPEAKER

Katrina Boyer

with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities

**will provide information about
identity theft.**

**Dozens of exhibitors are expected
to offer information on health
care, insurance, nutrition and
exercise, financial planning, fraud
protection, government services,
and veterans benefits.**

**Anyone with questions about the Expo can
contact Rep. Pickett's Towanda office at
570-265-3124 or her Sayre office at
570-888-9011.**



Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a
treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where
no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Luke 12:33b-34 (NIV)

Treasures in Heaven



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
S	J	Y	M	E	F	Q	C	N	I	X	V	A	T	B	D	P	R	L	Z	W	U	K	G	O	H

1. 14-18-5-13-1-22-18-5 _____

2. 1-5-19-19 _____

3. 16-5-1-14-18-25-3-1 _____

4. 26-5-13-12-5-9 _____

5. 14-26-10-5-6 _____

6. 4-25-14-26 _____

7. 24-10-12-5 _____

8. 26-5-13-18-14 _____

SELL	TREASURE	THIEF	DESTROYS
GIVE	HEAVEN	MOTH	HEART

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The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).



V L S P U R S E S H Q L R A G
 E K E P H A R K Z B E Q V G I
 S C L D O L I T T L E A G F V
 R O L P W O W J T U B C R T E
 P G K L F L R I Z H W X H T M
 H O E E G K F A T H E R S O M
 T E S A O X C A H S A L D B U
 H X P S R U N H Y E R G U M E
 I H D E E M D O R N N M P K T
 E A T D W S R U E I Y A O J E
 F U M I V T S V K D K F A T H
 O S P A S A A I P C Y R O Y H
 Q T P E E E R Z O R E A Y C R
 K E D R H T I L I N V I W J H
 X D T X M S F V Y K S D A U L

PURSES	DESTROYS	FATHER	POSSESSIONS	HEAVEN
PLEASED	WEAR	KINGDOM	LUKE	FLOCK
EXHAUSTED	MOTH	HEART	AFRAID	SELL
POOR	TREASURE	THIEF	LITTLE	GIVE