

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21st, 2009

The first reading is from:

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5,10-16

On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

Saul said to him, 'Whose son are you, young man?'

And David answered, 'I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.'

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house.

Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army.

And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day.

Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall.'

But David eluded him twice. Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul.

So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army.

David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him.

When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

This is the Word of the Lord -

Psalm 9:9-20

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed,*
a refuge in time of trouble.

**Those who know Your Name
will put their trust in You,*
for You never forsake
those who seek You, O Lord.**

Sing praise to the Lord Who dwells in
Zion;*
proclaim to the peoples
the things He has done.

**The Avenger of blood will remember
them;***
**He will not forget the cry of the
afflicted.**

Have pity on me, O Lord;*
see the misery I suffer
from those who hate me,
O You Who lift me up
from the gate of death;

**So that I may tell of all Your praises
and rejoice in Your salvation*
in the gates of the city of Zion.**

The ungodly have fallen
into the pit they dug,*
and in the snare they set
is their own foot caught.

**The Lord is known by His acts of
justice;***
**the wicked are trapped
in the works of their own hands.**

The wicked shall be given over to the
grave,*
and also all the peoples that forget God.

**For the needy shall not always be
forgotten,*
and the hope of the poor
shall not perish for ever.**

Rise up, O Lord,
let not the ungodly have the upper hand;*
let them be judged before You.

Put fear upon them, O Lord;*
**let the ungodly know they are but
mortal.**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

The second reading is from:

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him,
we urge you also not to accept the grace of
God in vain.

For he says,
‘At an acceptable time I have listened to
you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped
you.’

See, now is the acceptable time;
see, now is the day of salvation!

We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way,
so that no fault may be found with our
ministry,
but as servants of God
we have commended ourselves in every
way:
through great endurance,
in afflictions,
hardships,
calamities,
beatings,
imprisonments,
riots,
labors,
sleepless nights,
hunger;
by purity,

knowledge,
patience,
kindness,
holiness of spirit,
genuine love,
truthful speech,
and the power of God;
with the weapons of righteousness for the
right hand and for the left;
in honor and dishonor,
in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors,
and yet are true;
as unknown,
and yet are well known;
as dying, and see—we are alive;
as punished,
and yet not killed;
as sorrowful,
yet always rejoicing;
as poor,
yet making many rich;
as having nothing,
and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians;
our heart is wide open to you.

There is no restriction in our affections,
but only in yours. I

in return—I speak as to children—
open wide your hearts also.

This is the Word of the Lord -