

God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' - Genesis 1:20-22

God's creatures will also suffer as the oil inundates their habitat. Endangered sea turtles, migratory birds, fish, shellfish and marine mammals such as dolphins will suffer as their habitats are coated in thick oil. State and federal wildlife officials are working to mitigate the damage, but many will not survive.

Fragile coastal wetlands, already disappearing at an alarming rate, will take another hit. These wetlands not only provide habitat for birds, fish and other wildlife, they also provide critical flood protection for coastal cities during the hurricanes and other storms.

The devastating news we see on television and in the newspapers may make us wonder. What can we do to help the people and places of the Gulf Coast to weather this disaster and begin to recover?

- We can look for **opportunities to help** in the clean up effort and provide assistance to those who are suffering the economic consequences of the oil spill.
- We can **pray for the Gulf** its communities and all of God's creation. We can **advocate** for better safety standards for offshore oil drilling rigs, more liability for oil companies that fail to meet them, and long-term economic aid to help the communities on the Gulf Coast survive this disaster and begin to rebuild.

But each of us bears some responsibility for what is occurring on the Gulf Coast. Each of us, when we drive a car, take a plane, or throw away a plastic bottle, makes up a small part of our nation's massive consumption of, and dependence on, oil. We can see the consequences of that addiction in the images on our television screens, and we can pledge now to try and change our patterns of consumption, to think before we buy a bottle of water or take an unnecessary trip to the grocery store.

And as the disaster continues to unfold, you can keep asking yourself, "Am I doing all I can to ensure that this never happens again?"

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers." - Psalm 24:1-2

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8 & 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 25, 2010

CALL TO WORSHIP

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON (10AM) Maria Mowry

ANTHEM (10 AM) Harold Lambert

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:20-32 (p.10 in pew Bible; p.22 in large-print Bible; p.19 in Christmas edition)

PSALM 138 [Sung in Unison]

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name
and your word a- ¹bove all things.**

When I called, you answered me;
 you increased my strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
 They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
 that great is the glory of the LORD.
The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall save me.
You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19] (p.764 in pew Bible;
 p.1704 in large-print Bible; p.1435 in Christmas edition)

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GOSPEL: Luke 11:1–13 (p.672 in pew Bible; p.1481 in large-print
 Bible; p.1248 in Christmas edition)

SERMON: “The DNA of the Christian”

***HYMN OF THE DAY: 506 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”**

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PRAYERS

Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for
 the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, keep your church rooted in Christ. Through your
 word and sacraments make us instruments of your Spirit to call others
 to life in Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show your undying care to the smallest ones in your creation: to
 the young of every species who cannot survive on their own, and to
 seedlings that struggle to become fruit-yielding plants. Nourish them
 with all they need to thrive.

Guide the leaders of nations by your Spirit of wisdom. Help them
 avoid the influence of those who seek only their own glory. Empower
 all leaders to place first the needs of those who have little or nothing.

BEARING THE RESPONSIBILITY

*"Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters..." -
 Psalm 107:23-24*

Humans have done business on God's
 mighty oceans for millennia, using it for
 transportation, taking its fish for food,
 and more recently, drilling under the
 ocean floor for oil and natural gas.



On April 20, 2010 the Deepwater Horizon
 oil rig exploded, killing 11 workers
 and injuring dozens more. In the days and
 weeks that have followed, millions of gallons of oil have continue to gush
 into the Gulf of Mexico from leaks in the damaged well. Initial estimates
 indicated **5000 barrels of oil** per day (translating to 210,000 gallons) were
 spilling into the Gulf.

This week **government officials** announced that oil is leaking from the
 well at rates at least twice the original estimates and that the spill is now
 the largest in U.S. history. The owner of the well, British Petroleum (BP),
 continues to look for ways to stop the leaks.

As the oil spill **begins to reach wetlands** along the Louisiana and Missis-
 sippi Gulf Coast, many on the coast wonder how long this economic and
 environmental disaster will continue. Fisheries managers have already
 closed **some state waters**. More than **a fifth of federal waters** in the Gulf
 are now closed to fishing. Those waters are not likely to re-open soon, and
 it may be some time before consumers trust the quality of seafood from the
 Gulf.

After the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound, a simi-
 larly productive fishing area, many aspects of the local economy were
 harmed, including tourism and businesses that were directly and indirectly
 supported by fishermen (i.e. fish markets, shipping services, marine equip-
 ment manufacturers and suppliers).

The economies of Gulf Coast communities, many of which were only just
 beginning to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, will likely
 feel these impacts for years to come.

*"And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and
 let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the
 great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind,
 with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And*

PRAYER LIST JULY 25-31

HOSPITALIZED: John Sayler, Somerset

RECUPERATING AT HOME: Dave Adams, Emily Berkey, Nettie Brown, Jim Burcaw, Roger Duckett, Dorothy Gerber, Faye Glessner, Rosalind Harkcom, Marjorie Maust, Shirley Riley, Nancy Schrock, Helen Weigle, Lynn Walker, Doris Whipkey, George Wisler, Robert Zorn

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES: Ray Adams, Trudy Baker, Florence Engleka, Isabelle Gonger, Ella Hittie, Catherine Maust, Louise Ream

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Jodi Abramowich, Janet Alvares, Ed Berkebile, LCpl. Bob Bittner, Brian Bittner, Cpl. Chad Bittner, Spc. Kevin Bittner*, Krista Bonus, SGT Bryan Brant, SPC Andrew Bunch, Sarah Carlsen, Cpt. Aaron Chonko, SSGT Anson Chonko, Charlotte Chonko & family, Cpl. Eric D'Carrion, 1st Lt. Robert Dickey, Deborah Dilbon, Bob Ewing, Darcel Fahy, PFC Robert Faircloth, Bill Farber, Ryan Ferre, Cpt. Brian Fisher, Elaine Franklin, David Fullard, CPO Carrie Gardner, SSG Aaron George, SSGT Jason Gerber, Alexzandra Gonzales, Marsha Grossman, Ruth Hall, SSG Ron Helm, Travis Hummel (USAF), Gerald & Mary Johnson, Fred Leister, Cpt. James Leister, Jasmine Leslie, Linda Leverknight, Emma May, Ben Meese*, Mildred and Jody, Andrea Moore, Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Moore, Grace O'Gara, Betty Cpt. John Paxton, Cpt. Cory Petro*, Tom Reffner, Jacob Ringler, Alice Scheferston, Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Cleo & Catherine Shook, Matthew Spear, A1C Steven Spear, Kim Stayrook, Terry Stayrook, Amy Svonavec, Michael Yeager
* Serving in Afghanistan

PRAYER LIST POLICY

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital, please notify Pastor John or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please also let us know when a family member or friend wishes to be removed from the prayer list.

We will keep names on the prayer list for one (1) month, unless we know the person is still ill because they are a member of our congregation or whoever put them on the prayer list calls to keep them on.

Hear us, O God.

Hear the persistent cries of those in great need: those facing crisis, those who despair, those with serious illness, and those who face death. Respond to them with your unfailing mercy and peace. Hear us, O God.

Bless the ministries of local communities that serve people facing financial difficulty. Show your favor to organizations that provide food, clothing, shelter, and assistance for other basic necessities to those in need. Hear us, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Giving thanks for all the saints and martyrs (*especially the apostle James*), strengthen us through their example to be faithful disciples. Give us wisdom in discernment and strength in time of trial. Hear us, O God.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

ANOINTING Pastor will invite all who wish to come forward and be anointed to come up the center aisle and after you have been anointed, return to your pew

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***CLOSING HYMN: 497 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

***Please stand, if you are able.**

READINGS AND PSALM

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Colossians 3:1-11

Psalm 49:1-12
Luke 12:13-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the deceased members of the Rachel Saylor family by her family.
- Our congratulations to George & Kerri (Decker) Sivits, who were wed July 17 in Gettysburg, Pa. We pray that their union will be a long and joy-filled one.
- The piece of music Harold Lambert is sharing with us today is called "Largo" from the "New World Symphony" by Antonin Dvorak. He composed this symphony when he directed the New York Philharmonic Symphony. He was so lonesome for his native country that he left New York and while sailing home, he stood on the stern of the ship and composed

the "Largo Movement," better known as "Going Home." Thank you Harold for sharing your talents with us today.

- A Walk/Bike Fundraiser will be held at 2 p.m. today, July 27, beginning at the Meyersdale Train Station. Donations will be taken to participate. For more information see Jeff Moore or Lorrie Shaw.
- The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 26.
- The youth will hold a chicken taco and ice cream luncheon after the 10 a.m. service Sunday, Aug. 8.
- The Mission Thrift Shoppe is now open for business. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Berlin Brethren Church's Brick Coffee House garage. Anyone wishing to donate items may do so during business hours or place in the drop off box outside the door. Proceeds support our mission fund.
- If you know someone who could use a lap robe or coverlet made by the Knotty Knotters, please call Nancy Schrock at 267-3389.
- Berlin C.A.R.E.S. wants to thank everyone who supported them at the Berlin Grove, the July 10 sale and the pizza and hoagie sale.
- Somerset County Chapter of Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Strasburg, Pa., to see "Joseph." The trip will be made by coach bus leaving from the Berlin Brethren Church and the Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset. Date: Saturday, Oct. 16 Time: Leave Berlin at 7:30 a.m. and Somerset at 8 a.m. Return: approximately 8:30 - 9 p.m. Show time 1 p.m. Family style dinner at Hershey Farms restaurant: 4 pm Cost: Adults (age 19+) \$95, teens (13-18) \$65, children (3-12) \$45. There will be a short rest stop on the way to and from Strasburg, but not long enough to sit down and have a meal, so you will need to bring a lunch or snack along to eat on the bus. Reservations can be made by calling 814-445-7660 (Becky Minnich) or by emailing her at jam547bsm@cs.com.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

- USHERS: 8:00 AM** Scott & Lorrie Shaw
- USHERS: 10:00 AM** Denise & Keith Leydig
- LECTOR: 8:00 AM** Susan Straight
- LECTOR: 10:00 AM** Nita Swank
- ACOLYTE: 8:00 AM** Chance Straight
- ACOLYTE: 10:00 AM** Jessica Leydig
- NURSERY: 10:00 AM** Lorrie Shaw

ATTENDANCE	<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Last week	7/18/2010	118	46
Last year	7/19/2009	137	41

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	Sunday school
	10:00 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Walk/Bike Fundraiser at Meyersdale Train St.
MONDAY:	6:30 PM	Vacation Bible School begins
		Church Office Closed
TUESDAY:	6:30 PM	VBS
	9:00 AM	Quilters & Knotters
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 PM	VBS
	6:30 PM	VBS
THURSDAY:	6:30 PM	VBS
	SUNDAY:	8:00 AM Communion
	9:00 AM	Sunday school
	10:00 AM	Communion
	4:00 PM	Communion

	<u>Need Per Week</u>	<u>Received Last Week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Current	\$2,579.35	\$2,732.50	7/18 - 118
Benevolence	\$322.43	\$477.50	7/11 - 122
Building	\$920.77	\$715.50	7/4 - 95