



St. Paul Lutheran Church

9:30a Service of Worship

Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

10th Sunday after Pentecost | August 14, 2022

Welcome!

May God's grace continue to overflow to and through you.



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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Please know that although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for those who do attend in-person, but also this technology that allows us to share the bulletin, record the service of worship and post to our website.

Our Tuesday community meals are still on and so are the Saturday Food Pantries. Please continue to bring in supplies for these ministries.

Your offerings during this time are especially appreciated as our ministries still continue. They can be made via online giving, given on Sunday morning, mailed to the church or dropped off during our normal office hours Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

May God bless you and give you peace.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fonda Davies, guest organist

Arr. Joel Raney

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Response: Amen.**

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Response: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection)

Pastor: Gracious God,

Response: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through him the world might be saved. Though we were dead through our sins, in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing and made us alive together with Christ.

Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Response: Amen.

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Gathering Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Response: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

“Sheep May Safely Graze”
Fonda Davies, guest organist

J.S. Bach

Scripture ~ Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God’s judgment, he suffers rejection. Today’s reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God’s word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture ~ Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Gospel ~ Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **Response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon ~ Pr. Ashley Nicolls

Hymn of the Day

For All the Faithful Women

Verse 1, Miriam, Hannah, Verse 2



- 1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:
- 2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.

we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.

that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Miriam

3 We praise your name for Miriam
who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army
lay drowned beneath the sea.
As Israel marched to freedom,
her chains of bondage gone,
so may we reach the kingdom
your mighty arm has won.

Hannah

4 To Hannah, praying childless
before the throne of grace,
you gave a son and called him
to serve before your face.
Grant us her perseverance;
Lord, teach us how to pray
and trust in your deliv'rance
when darkness hides our way.

Apostles' Creed

Assisting Minister: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith together with the Apostles' Creed.

Response: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Assisting Minister: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Assisting Minister: We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people.

Response: Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. **Response: Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit.**

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice.

Response: Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation.

Response: Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

Response: In our joy and in our tears, be near us.

Assisting Minister: Be especially with those we name now aloud or in our hearts.

(pause)

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us.

Response: May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you.

Assisting Minister: Merciful God, **Response: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Response: Amen.

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

Offering

(The collection plates can be found at the back of the sanctuary.

Please place your offerings there as you leave worship.

Online giving at www.stpaulsarasota.org is also available.)

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Response: Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Pastor: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Holy Communion

(Please raise your Holy Communion elements for blessing and consecration)

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." **Response: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

Response: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: This is the time to take your host wafer. This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat. And now the wine or the juice. The blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. **Response: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Assisting Minister: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Response: Amen.**

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Response: Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Faith of Our Fathers'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two lines.

Refrain

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: And all God's children say, **Response: Amen**

Postlude

“Someone’s Singing, Lord” from Kum ba Yah Variations John Behnke
 Fonda Davies, guest organist

Attendance for last Sunday: 68 in-person; 71 views (as of 8/8/22)

Flowers are given by Debi and Mike Rado in celebration of our 27th anniversary

Eternal Candle is given by Bonnie Zipf in appreciation to all my church family who so graciously give me rides.

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God’s reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God’s Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assistants to the Bishop Pastors Khader, Rob C., Rob R., and Deacon Connie, Specialists Kim, Brittney, and Stephen, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, and Ileana. SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. Community Meal and Food Pantry guests Our Members, especially, Dale, Janet, and Tess Vaessen, Ginger Webb, Anna, Olivia, Rachel, & Ruby Williamson Our preschool teachers and students especially, Melina, Calix, Celia, Mrs. Lisa, Ms. Olivia, and Ms. Sydney

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