

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

On Sunday, some of my favorite scriptures are in the lectionary so it was hard for me to try to come up with just one sermon. I couldn't put them all together well so what I decided to do was one for the kid's message, one for the regular message, and one for the PastorBlast.

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE
US FROM THE LOVE OF
GOD IN CHRIST JESUS

The scripture for this is from Romans chapter 8. It's where St. Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. It gives a long list of things that we think could separate us but Paul says no. Not death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

It led me to think what would be on our lists that we say "No, that will not separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Others must have been thinking the same way as I saw on Facebook a Lutheran hip hop musician named David Scherer or Agape came up with his list.

Who will separate us from the love of God?

Can moody teenagers?

Can the overwhelm from adulthood?

Can anxiety and depression?

Can guilt and shame about not doing enough?

Can fear about our uncertain future?

Can frustration about our leaders?

Can struggles with self-esteem?

Can a mounting stack of bills?

Can dwindling church attendance?

Can doubts about our faith?

Can increased isolation and a lack of community?

Can war?

Can cancer?

Can aging?

Can dying?

...For I am convinced that there is nothing in all of creation
that can separate us from the love of God.

Agape website is <https://www.hiphopoutreach.com/>

What's on your list?

Take care and God bless

-PrAshley