



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9th Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2020
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Presiding Minister
Musician

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Our worship will be live streamed on our Facebook page: [St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert](#). You do not have to have a Facebook account to access that worship.

Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: All communities of faith in Prince Rupert
Synod Parishes: Shepherd of the Valley, Langley and Hole Lutheran Shared Ministry, Mackenzie Ang./Luth. Joint Prayers: Bishops, clergy and people of the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh
Dean, Council and Congregations of Southern Area of the Synod of the Alberta and the Territories

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be Public by Zoom meeting this Wednesday, August 5, 2020 09:30 - 11:30AM PDT.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHFicWZySkR1dHhNpeklqMzU4RIJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486
Password: 263906

2. August 3 at 7:00 PM we continue our book study based on the book *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin J. DiAngelo. We invite both church and

community members to join the book study at any time. Please share this with those who may be interested. This group will be held by Zoom and will last approximately 12 weeks (if things get interesting or move slowly the group can vote to extend.) Here is the Zoom invitation.

Topic: White Fragility Book Study

Time: Jul 20, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, beginning July 20 until Oct 19, 2020.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89370445799?pwd=bWJMdXZlQmhlLc2tTK2hXUGttNVpKUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 7044 5799

Password: 609454

4. We are considering the long-term options for a return to in-person worship. We have decided that, at least through the summer months, it is neither healthy nor practical to gather in the building. Near the end of summer we will convene a 2-3 person team to assist Pastor with decisions on how to comply with the PHO requirements.

We will continue to meet and worship online throughout the summer after we have returned to our worship space as this has been so helpful to our members who are unable to be physically present. We thank you for your continued support and ask that anyone who might be interested in a return to church give your name to Pastor to join the planning team.

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

We remain silent for a moment to search our hearts.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance,

and we deny your presence in our lives.

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
 Our sins are forgiven.
 Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint,
 because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

No. 461

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

No. 154

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Our first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at the 12th chapter.

12:13, 16-19

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: The word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Our second reading is from the book of Romans, beginning at the 9th chapter

9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

We sing our gospel acclamation, found on page 216 in your ELW.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 14th chapter

14:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
 Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Pg 105

**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 power of 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 Intercession: (petition end: Lord, in your mercy.

(petition response: **Hear our prayer.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox. You can send e-transfers to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give electronically to us through CanadaHelps.

We can be found there at St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray,

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

We enter into a time of communion. All people are invited to join in God's meal, however you may choose whether or not to participate. If you hear the call of the Holy Spirit inviting you, please respond. If you would like to learn more about communion you may call the church and speak with the pastor about its significance. You may prepare bread and wine or juice in advance of communion. You may wish to set up a small home altar for this purpose using: a cross, a candle, an image of Christ (called an icon) to which you may add the bread and beverage. The pastor will have a half loaf, symbolizing that the other half of that loaf is present in front of you in your various abiding places. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen."

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

Blessed are you, O God of the Universe.

You protect and preserve us and make the ordinary holy through the power of your love.

Praise to you for Jesus, your anointed one:

Who turned water into wine.

Who fed thousands with a few loaves and fish.

Who healed, taught, and blessed both those who came close to him
and those separated by distance.

Who loved the world so much that he became one of us,
sharing our common life, suffering and dying, and gloriously rising,
breaking the bonds of sin, death and the devil

so that nothing could ever separate us from you.

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.

O God of resurrection and new life,
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
Make this bread and wine before us
The body and blood of your Son.
Enter into our locked rooms
Grace our table with your presence.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Strengthen and preserve us for the trials we endure now.
Send us your Holy Spirit
to comfort, empower, challenge, and encourage us
to be a sign of resurrection to the world.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with those gathered on screens and by telephone,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit across time and space, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. Using the language of our hearts, we pray...

**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.**

Communion

L: If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared, each in our own places, but gathered together around the table of God. Although we are separated at this time by physical distance, we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

L: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

C: **Amen**

L: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: **Amen**

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

C: **Amen**

L: Let us pray,

God of the welcome table,

in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

L: Neither 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.
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.