



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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14th Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 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. Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: First United Church, Prince Rupert

Synod Parishes: Our Redeemer Lutheran, Penticton, Trinity Anglican+Lutheran Church in Port Alberni, and the Ministry of Hospital Chaplains in our Synod.

Ang./Luth. Joint Prayers: Theological colleges and training within the province of Rupert's Land
The Right to Water and renewed commitment to stewardship of creation

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be Public by Zoom meeting this Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:30 - 11:30AM PDT. You may call in from your home or cell phone to 1-778-907-2071 without the need for a computer or you can join by computer, tablet, or smart phone by either clicking the link below or by typing it into your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHFicWZySkR1dHNpeklqMzU4RIJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486

Password: 263906

2. Monday evenings at 7:00 PM we continue our book study of *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 study at any time. This group is held on Zoom and will run through Thanksgiving . Here is the Zoom invitation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89370445799?pwd=bWJMdXZlQmhlc2tTK2hXUGttNVpKUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 7044 5799

Password: 609454

3. We are looking to convene a 3 person team to focus on compliance with PHO requirements prior to a return to in person worship. As the majority of our members are in the "at risk" category this must be done with care. We will continue online worship for the foreseeable future for our friends near and far who worship with us. Until we have a team in place we will not begin to consider in-person worship. Please contact the office if you are interested in this ministry.

4. Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 PM by Zoom for both our return to fall meeting schedule and to discuss worship plans for the future.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82556152615?pwd=UFRjTXNGK1ZOTVZ3SFZlNjAyYURvZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 5615 2615

Passcode: 014595

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

By your grace, make us humble,

**cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L; God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom, renewed to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

No 772 (vs. 1,3,4)

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - ues still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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.

Music: *Mass No. 1*, Avon Gillespie
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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Our first reading is from Ezekiel, beginning at the 33rd chapter.

33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Our second reading is from the book of Romans, beginning at the 13th chapter

13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18th chapter 18:15-20
Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

Praise My Soul the God of Heaven

No. 864

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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,
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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), and the bread and beverage if you feel so called. 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." Members of the same household are encouraged to serve one another.

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...

...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, 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,

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of our saviour the Christ. Now that we have been nourished and forgiven, lead us from this place into your beloved world to wipe away the tears of others who hunger and thirst for both physical and spiritual nourishment. Having been guided by the example of that same Christ, lead us by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

L: Mothering God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

No. 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: Thanks be to God.