



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**15th Sunday after Pentecost** September 13, 2020  
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Presiding Minister  
Musician

Rev. Diana Edis  
Larissa Goruk

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.

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*Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Native Revival Pentecostal Church, Prince Rupert  
Synod Parishes: Faith Lutheran, Powell River, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George.  
Ang./Luth. Joint Prayers: Archbishop Melissa Skelton, clergy and people of the Ecc. Province of BC and the Yukon and Bishop Greg Mohr and Staff of the BC Synod

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be Public by Zoom meeting this Wednesday, September 16, 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>

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Password: 609454

3. We are convening a task force to plan and implement compliance with Provincial Health requirements prior to a return to in-person worship. Our tentative hope is to return to the building for the Advent season which begins December 1 however this may be altered at any time depending on the given situation. We will continue online worship even after our return to in-person worship for our friends near who feel safer worshipping online and far who worship with us from far away. Please contact the office if you are interested in assisting with this ministry.

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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.**

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through

ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.  
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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.**

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,

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Our first reading is from Genesis, beginning at the 50th chapter.

50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

We read Psalm 103: 8-13 responsively

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;  
**you will not always accuse us,**  
**nor will you keep your anger forever.**

You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
 nor repaid us according to our iniquities.  
**For as the heavens are high above the earth,**  
**so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**  
 As far as the east is from the west,  
 so far have you removed our transgressions from us.  
**As a father has compassion for his children,**  
**so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.**

Our second reading is from the book of Romans, beginning at the 14th chapter 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
 and every tongue shall give praise to God."

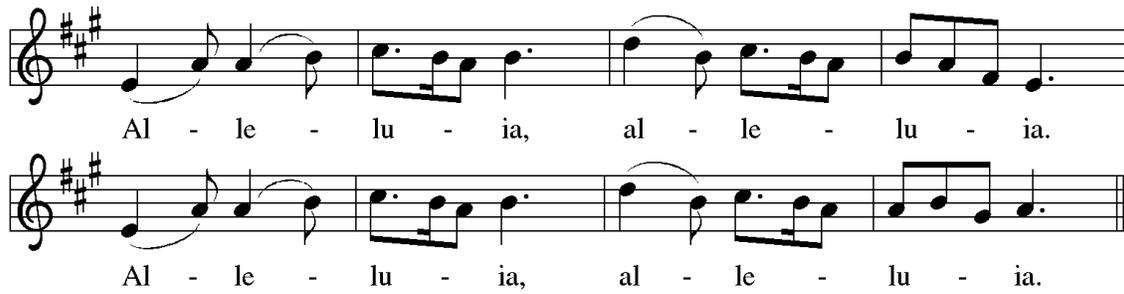
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

We sing our gospel acclamation, hymn # 174 in your ELW. The Pastor will then sing a verse and then we will sing the Alleluia once more through.



L: We do not live to ourselves  
 nor to ourselves do we die.  
 Whether live or die,  
 We belong to the Lord!



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The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

Rev. Diana Edis



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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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,  
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.**

*Lord's Prayer*

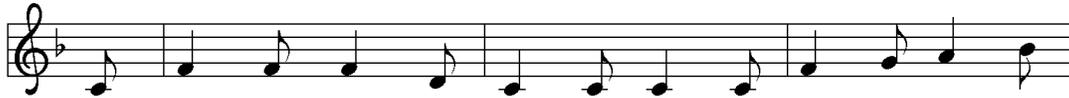
L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit across time and space, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray...

**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.**

*Benediction*

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

**Amen.**



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**