



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**17th Sunday after Pentecost** September 27, 2020  
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Presiding Minister  
Musician

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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. Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Salvation Army, Prince Rupert  
Synod Parishes: Living Faith Lutheran in Sechelt and Lord of Life Mission in Sandspit  
Ang./Luth. Joint Prayers: The Bishop, people and clergy of the Territory of the People  
The dean and people of the North Region of the BC Synod

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. 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

2. 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=OHFlcWZySkR1dHNpeklqMzU4RIJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486

Password: 263906

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 and far who either feel safer worshipping online or who live too distant to attend. Please contact the office if you are interested in assisting with this ministry.

4. There will be a live streamed funeral service for Britta Kuntze, Saturday, Oct 3at 11am. The link is <https://www.lutheranvictoria.ca/>. All who knew her are invited to attend.

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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

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

No 520 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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,

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Our first reading is from Ezekiel, beginning at the 18th chapter.

18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new

heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

We read Psalm 25: 1-9 responsively

To you, O Lord,  
I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and up-right, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

Our second reading is from the book of Philippians, beginning at the 2nd chapter 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**L:** Who does the will of the father?  
 The one who puts feet to their faith.  
 Live your faithfulness  
 In the way of John the Baptist.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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(Leader verse text written by Rev. Diana Edis)

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter 21:23-32  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

*Sermon*

Rev. Diana Edis

*Refrain*



Change my heart, O God;                      make it ev - er true.

*End*



Change my heart, O God;                      may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter;                      I am the clay.



Mold me and make me;                      this is what I pray.

*Refrain*

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**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.**

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

*End*

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
 strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**