



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Worship 11:00 AM

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Reader: Sally Newton

Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>. You do not need a Facebook account to worship. You may also view the service later on our YouTube channel after it is uploaded: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMY5N1JmPn41\\_R5\\_Xahok\\_w?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMY5N1JmPn41_R5_Xahok_w?view_as=subscriber)

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning – to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** For all communities of faith in Prince Rupert

**Synod Parishes:** St. Paul's Lutheran, Maple Ridge, Matsqui Lutheran, Matsqui

**Anglican Prayers:** Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle

**ELCIC:** Dean, Council, and Congregations of the Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor is Public, Javadotcup Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30AM. We are both in-person and on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHFicWZySkR1dHNpekIqMzU4RIJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486

Password: 263906

2. What does the Bible say about justice and poverty? Join us in reading and reflecting on sacred stories that center the poor who seek healing, justice, and freedom. We will gather every Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM starting on Sept. 8th (continuing to Oct. 20th). The Bible study will draw from the book *We Cry Justice* by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis. The wider community is also welcome to join us. Contact Tom Kertes at [tomkertes@gmail.com](mailto:tomkertes@gmail.com) or 778-884-5343 to RSVP or for more information.

3. Beginning Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's youth will host youth (grades 8-12) from the wider community for "Movies That Matter" We plan eat pizza and popcorn, watch a movie, and discuss the moral issues related to it. Movie nights will start September 11th in the fellowship hall and continue every second Sunday of the month from 5-8:30 PM (September to June). Talk to Adonica or Sam for more information.

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*Announcements*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*All Are Welcome*

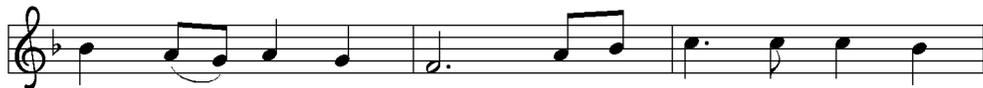
No. 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:

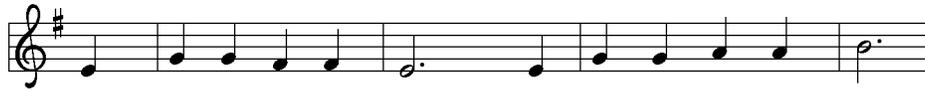


all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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*

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Canticle of Praise*

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1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.  
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

L: Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day.

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Our first reading is from Genesis, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue

childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

We read Psalm 33:12-22 responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Our second reading is from Hebrews beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter

11:1-3, 8-16 (CEB)

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going. By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God – he has prepared a city for them. (CEB)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The holy gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter

12:32-40

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

No. 764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Confession of faith

Apostles' Creed

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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 response: L: Merciful God,

**C: receive 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 or you can send e-transfers to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

*Offering Prayer*

Let us pray,

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

*We enter a time of communion. All people are invited to receive God's meal. If you wish to receive, this meal is for you. If you would like to learn more about communion please speak with the pastor after worship. Those at home may prepare bread and wine or juice for your worship space and are encouraged to serve one another. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen."*

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



L: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**Amen.**

L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

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 and social distancing, we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Hymns during Communion

<i>Amazing Grace</i>	No. 779
<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	No. 638
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	No. 856

*Communion*

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

**C: Amen**

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

**C: Amen**

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

**C: Amen**

Let us pray,

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

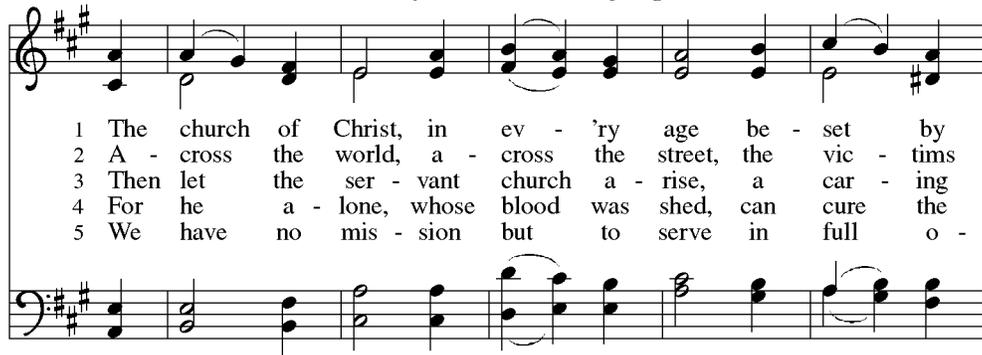
The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

No. 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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