



## ST. PAUL' LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**      August 28, 2022  
Worship 11:00 AM

Worship Leader: Tom (Curtis) Kertes      Musician: Larissa Goruk  
Videographer: George Edis      Reader: Pat Rogers

Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>. You do not need a Facebook account to worship.

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Invited and inviting – that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** Cornerstone Mennonite Brethren Church

**Synod Parishes:** Christ the King Lutheran in Surrey, For the Ministry of Hospital Chaplains in our Synod

**Anglican Prayers:** Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon

ELCIC – Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the BC Synod

ACC/ELCIC – The World Council of Churches Assembly

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will not be public again until Sept. 21 as she is out of town. The office will be untended. Please contact Laurie Cullen and Herman Seidemann if there is any church need. Pastor Derry Bott (United) and Father Paul Williams (Anglican) will be available for spiritual care.
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 gather every Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Bible study is based on the book *We Cry Justice* by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis. The community is welcome to attend. Contact [tomkertes@gmail.com](mailto:tomkertes@gmail.com) or 778-884-5343 to RSVP or for more info.
3. Beginning Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's youth will host the grades 8-12 community for "Movies That Matter." The plan is to eat pizza and popcorn, watch a movie, and discuss. We gather in the fellowship hall the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 5-8:30 PM (September to June). Talk to Adonica or Sam for more information.
4. We are excited to host a 4 -hour workshop, Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Noon-4:00PM on Land-Based Healing and Wellness from a Spiritual Perspective. It will be led by Lauren Aldred, a member of Our Savior's, Prince George who is working toward her D Min. in this area. She received a grant to cover the costs of the workshop, donations will be accepted for the provided lunch. The community is invited to attend.

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*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

*Gather Us In*

No. 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

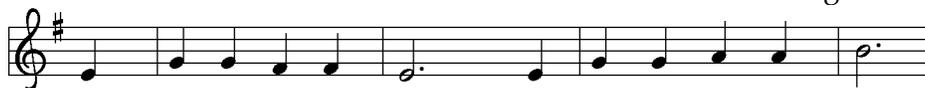


we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Pg. 203



- 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

Pg. 204



- 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.

**O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Our first reading is from Proverbs, beginning at the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter

25: 6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; or it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

We read Psalm 112:1-10 responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;**

**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Our second reading is from Hebrews beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter

13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

pg. 205



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 14<sup>th</sup> chapter

14:1, 7-14

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are

invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Written by Bishop Michael Pryse of the Eastern Synod of ELCIC  
Preached by Tom (Curtis) Kertes

Hymn of the Day

*O Christ the Same*

No. 760

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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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 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.**

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.**

*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

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

No. 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**