



15th Sunday after Pentecost—September 13, 2020

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service LIVE—9:25 a.m.

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We, the people of St. Paul's, are a community for spiritual health, centered in Christ.

We challenge ourselves to share and live Christ's love
within the congregation, within the community and to the larger world.

VIRTUALLY SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Vicar Phil Beck

Lector.....Phil Smith

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Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

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

Amen.

C: 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 and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN.....*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....ELW 834

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW, p. 147)

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: **Lord, have mercy**

Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy**

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 103

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
²Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and forget not all God's benefits—
³who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases;
⁴who redeems your life from the grave
 and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
⁶O Lord, you provide vindication
 and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷You made known your ways to Moses
 and your works to the children of Israel.

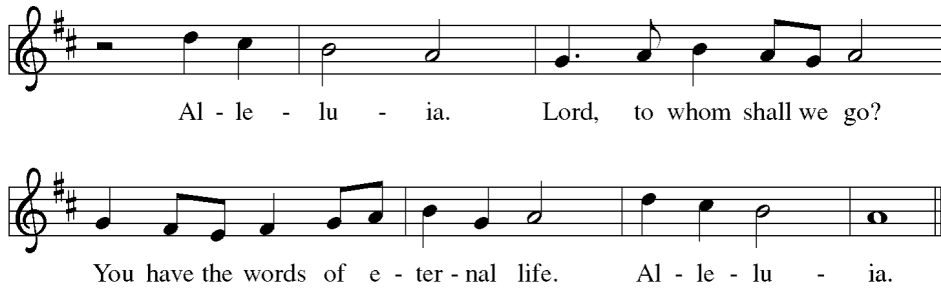
⁸Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
⁹you will not always accuse us,
 nor will you keep your anger forever.
¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
 nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
¹²As far as the east is from the west,
 so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
 so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*



**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35*

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: *The Gospel of our Lord*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMONVicar Phil Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY.....*Forgive our Sins As We Forgive*.....ELW 605

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| 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say. | 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace. |
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Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt.
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****THE APOSTLES' CREED***

C: ***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 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.***

OFFERING Please mail your gifts to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Change My Heart, O God

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.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:*

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

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN.....O Christ, Our Hope.....ELW 604*

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:

5 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity,
through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt

**DISMISSAL*

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prayer List

Ellen Hatgi

The Lawrence Family

Katrina Pank

Marie Purswell's cousins

Annie James Pisner, Tommy Sorge

Marion Forrest

Rick Fischler

Ned Kadoura

The Cavell Family

The Knoebel Family

The Stuck Family

Dawn Knoebel

Mark Forrest

Milton & Dolores Denn

Heather Anderson & Lexi Anderson

Karen White

Audrey McDougall

Erica Hoff

Shirley Eyer

Sharyl Mildenstein

Robb Port

Joe Collins

Ann Curtis

Dr. Heather DeVincentis

Margaret Harris

The Wynne Family

The Foster Family

Family and Friends of David Perez

Anson Horton

Military List

+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
niece to Linwood Snider

+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas

+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
grandson of Sam Purswell

+Dan Beck, 1st Lt., U.S. Army, son of
Vicar Phil & Susan Beck

+Nick Parker, U.S. Marines, grandson
of Peggy and Ed Chaney

+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law
of Marcia & Raj Gupta

Do you have need for prayer?

Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?

If so, please know that we have a prayer team at

St. Paul's that is ready to help.

Simply contact the Church Office.

All requests are confidential.

*****Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially
those that are **bold**.***

*They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.*

Here's a Great Chance for Some Church Fellowship!!

Church Picnic

TODAY! from 11am until 1pm

Lawn Area next to the Church Parsonage

Bring your own picnic, chair(s), blanket(s)

Don't Forget to Bring:

Fruit cups/canned fruit, Hamburger/Tuna Helper.

These food items will be supporting

Glade Valley Food Bank and area schools.

Can't Wait to See you!!



OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

Please Note: We are not currently making a deposit each week due to the limited number of checks being sent into the office on a weekly basis.

Typically we have been making a deposit mi-month and prior to the end of the month.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,715.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

Actual/Electronic Income

Aug. 30, 2020: Renovation Fund: \$ 370.00

Weekly Contribution: \$2,309.52

ATTENDANCE:

September 6, 2020

Virtual: 33
Outside: 25

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, September 13th

Outdoor Worship 8:30am

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Monday, September 14th

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Tuesday September 15th

Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 16th

FEC 8am-4pm

Thursday, September 17th

Gathered at the Table 12:00 noon

Sunday September 20th

Outdoor Worship 8:30am

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Church Picnic 11am-1pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://youtu.be/9XOwU7yb9n8>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q

Mar-Lu-Ridge

Our annual fall fellowship day is taking place two ways. Choose what you are most comfortable with!

Walkathon & Virtual Cookie Run

Our annual fall fellowship day is taking place two ways. Choose what you are most comfortable with!



Walkathon:

September 27: 1-4 p.m. This event will take place in person as we walk the camp road, share a box supper and worship outside. There is room to spread out, hike on the trails or road, and enjoy the fall views.

Virtual Cookie Run:

If you prefer to participate at home, register for this virtual 1 mile Fun Run or 5K. You will receive a race packet full of campy items, including a handmade bib and cookie medal (top level). Complete the run anytime before Sept. 27 and post your photo using #mlrcookieun.

We are cheering you on!



GVCS Food Bank

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Items of need are soup, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, shampoo/conditioner and toilet paper.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall



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