



16th Sunday after Pentecost—September 20, 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.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Vicar Phil Beck

Lector.....Trish Valcarcel

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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.....*Great is Thy Faithfulness*.....ELW 733

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| 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. | 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain |
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Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

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:*

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10, 4:11

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 145

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 1:12-30*

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD: *Matthew 20:1-16*

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.....*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (Supplement)*.....ELW 588

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| <p>1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.</p> | <p>4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.</p> |
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HOLY BAPTISM OF SLOANE ANN DONATI

PRESENTATION

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Sloane Ann Donati for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: To live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Parents, do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Sloane in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Sloane and pray for her in her new life in Christ

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

We do.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We do.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and was anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raised us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM OF SLOANE ANN DONATI

P: Sloane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Sloane with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

P: Sloane, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

C: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

P: Let us welcome the newest member of God's family.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is marked 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.' The second line contains the lyrics 'Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.' and is marked 'End' at the end. The third line contains the lyrics 'You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.' and features a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth line contains the lyrics 'Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.' and also features a triplet of eighth notes, with the word 'Refrain' written above the final measure.

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.....On Our Way Rejoicing.....ELW 537**

1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. *Refrain*

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

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

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Ellen Hatgi, *Member*
The Lawrence Family, *Family of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Katrina Pank, *Member*
Tommy Sorge, *Nephew of Marie Purswell*
Marion Forrest, *Friend of Diane Port*
Rick Fischler, *Friend of Diane Port*
Ned Kadoura, *Friend of Kate Stottlemeyer*
The Stuck Family, *Friends of Amy Mildenstein*
Milton & Dolores Denn, *Members*
Heather & Lexi Anderson, *Family of Merle & Kelly Anderson*
Karen White, *Friend of Tammy Snurr*
Audrey McDougall, *Member*
Erica Hoff, *Daughter of Betty Walker*
Sharyl Mildenstein, *Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein*
Robb Port, *Member*
Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Dr. Heather DeVincentis, *Friend of Sue and Lin Snyder*
The Wynne Family, *Friends of Sue Snyder*
The Foster Family, *Friends of Diane Port*
Family & Friends of David Perez, *Added by Kate Stottlemeyer*
Anson Horton, *Son of Keith and Deb Horton*
Dianne Norton, *Daughter of Betty Schubert*
The Lutz Family, *Members*



+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.**



*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Sloane Ann Donati's Baptism, given by her
Grand Parents and Great Grand Parents.*

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

*Due to the Pandemic, offerings are collected
and deposited only twice a month now.*

*Please call the Parish Office
with any questions.*

ATTENDANCE:

September 13th, 2020

Outdoor Service: 29

Virtual Service: 34

Picnic: 17

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, September 20th

Outdoor Worship 8:30am

Trial Run in Person Worship 9:25am

Baptism of Sloane Ann Donati

Worship (Livestream)

Monday, September 21st

FEC 8am-4pm

Tuesday September 22nd

Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 23rd

FEC 8am-4pm

Thursday, September 24th

Gathered at the Table 12:00 noon

Sunday September 27th

Outdoor Worship 8:30am

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am



Thank you to everyone who donated Sunday!

Generous Donations received Sunday: 136 items!

We are striving for 500- *can you help us reach our goal?*

Miscellaneous = 41

Fruit cans = 27

Fruit cup pkgs = 42 x 4 = 168 fruit cups

Hamburger Helper = 26

Accepting food donations on Saturday, September 19th from 9 to 11 am - on side yard of church; look for the blue bins (Fulton Ave).

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry at St. Paul's.
Please see the Treasurer's Report for August — great job everyone!!

We are in this together!!

Gifts can be contributed online by going to:

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/> or by mailing to the office.

*Thank
you!*

**GIVE BLOOD.
SAVE LIVES.**



The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, October 2nd at St. Paul's.

Our congregation, friends and family can sign up early for an appointment here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=St%20Pauls%20Lutheran%20Walkersville>

The drive will be open for public sign ups at the end of this week, so sign up early for your preferred time.

Circulate LOVE, donate blood!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDIWnvN7bs>

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

Please remember, it is imperative that you completely fill out the **PINK** sign in sheets located on the bulletin board in the Church and on the table inside the door in the Parish Hall if you are entering either building at a time other than a scheduled meeting or service. **Please** remember to check in with the Office **before** entering the Church building or the Parish Hall.

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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