



St. Paul Lutheran Church

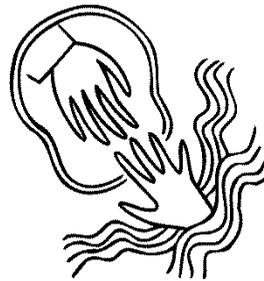
9:30a Service of Worship (Facebook Live Only)

Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

10th Sunday after Pentecost | August 9, 2020

Welcome!

May God's grace continue to overflow
to and through you.



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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort during this time away from in-person worship.

Please know that although we are not physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for this technology that allows us to share the bulletin, record the abbreviated service of worship and post to our website.

Our Tuesday community meals are still on and so are the Saturday Food Pantries. Please continue to bring in supplies for these ministries.

Your offerings during this time are especially appreciated as our ministries still continue. They can be made via online giving, mailed to the church or dropped off during our normal office hours Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

May God bless you and give you peace.

Prelude

“Andante”
John Ferreira

music by Carl Reinecke

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Response: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Gathering Song

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Prayer of the Day

Congregation: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture ~ 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture ~ Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel ~ Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little

faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **Response:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Special Music

"CWM Rhondda"

music by John Hughes

Danielle Heindl, Saxophonist

Sermon ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Nicene Creed

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith together with the Nicene Creed.

Response: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Assisting Minister: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Assisting Minister: For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Response:*** hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Response:*** hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace.

Lord, in your mercy, ***Response:*** hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day, especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*pause*).

Lord, in your mercy, ***Response:*** hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together.

Lord, in your mercy, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: For our members, especially...and our preschool teachers and students, especially...Lord, in your mercy, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. Lord, in your mercy, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Response: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (sung)

Congregation: Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Response: Amen.

Sending Song

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

The musical score is written on two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some notes in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the; 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -; 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os; 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in.

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

***Congregation:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Pastor: And all God's children say

***Congregation:* Amen.**

Postlude

“Marche Royale”
John Ferreira

music by Jean-Baptiste Lully

Attendance for Last Sunday: 157 views (as of 8/4/2020)

Flowers are given today by Jan Kruse with thanks to Betty and Dave Smowton for 48 years of loving service to St. Paul. We will miss you.

Eternal candle is given by Jim Paulsson in memory of my Dad, Lars', 4 month anniversary of his passing and my mom, Janet's 2 year and 1 month anniversary of her passing.

Ways to Serve Safely

Alta Vista Elementary School Supply Drive - This year St. Paul is collecting Walmart gift cards or financial gifts (to go get Walmart gift cards) for the school to use for classroom needs, student clothing, and student supplies. When I shared this information with the principal at the school, Dr. Shirley, she wrote, "What a wonderful gift!! This support will be such a relief for our families. With the flexibility in the use of the cards, we can assess current and immediate needs and have the resource to provide help with students and the classroom. Thank you for being our special Eagle friend" (Eagles are the mascot of the school). Please donate online, bring gifts to the office, or send in the mail, marking Alta Vista as the designation. Please turn in by Aug 16 so we can get the cards to them in time for the school year.

SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity) hosted a Virtual Solidarity Rally last Saturday. The Zoom capability was maxed out with all the people wanting to attend. If you weren't able to attend, you can still watch the recording of it on the website <https://youtu.be/jowHS2YY8M4> and also take action by submitting an email (already created) to our local law enforcement leaders <http://www.suresarasota.org/solidarity-rally-agenda> scroll down to where it says "Action Step." When people of God show up and demand change, we know that we move one step closer to the day that Sarasota truly becomes the community that God intends it to be.

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



G E V E N I N G R P B C Y P O
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EVENING
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PRAY

HAND
AFRAID
WALKING
COME

DOUBT
SAVE
BOAT
WATER

WAVES
SINK
WIND
ALONE

Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assistants to the Bishop Pastors Khader and Rob, Deacons Michele and Connie, Specialists Jim and Marina, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, Kim, and Ileana.

SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity

Our members and staff, especially, Don and Marty Hillerich, Michele Hilton and John McAuliffe, Loren Hoch, Gail Hodge, and Lenore Horner.

Our Early Childhood Learning Center students and teachers especially, Andre, Zane, Cora, Maxwell, Naiah, Covington, Brynleigh, Miss Katherine and Miss Jamie

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