



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

Pentecost | May 31, 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 prayers to pray, scripture to read, and to receive inspiration from our Confirmands.

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

“Allegretto”

music by J. A. Upperman

Marilyn Hutfilz, flute

John Ferreria, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

“My Lord, What a Morning”

Traditional Spiritual

sung by Marilyn and George Hutfilz

Prayer of the Day

***Congregation:* O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture ~ Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the

eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

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

Scripture ~ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Gospel ~ John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

Confirmands' Projects

Emilee Marie Miller
Addison Danielle Miller
Ruby Lorene Williamson

Affirmation of Baptism

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young women, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. I present Emilee Marie Miller, Addison Danielle Miller, and Ruby Lorene Williamson, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: 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, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

Response: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***Response:* 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.**

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

***Response by Confirmands together:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ? ***Response:* We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Emilee Marie, Addison Danielle, and Ruby Lorene, 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. Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

***Response:* Amen.**

Pastor: Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

***Response:* We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of the Church

Assisting Minister: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Assisting Minister: We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy, ***Response:* hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, ***Response:* hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy, ***Response:* hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort, especially those on our prayer chain, those listed in the bulletin, and those we name aloud or in our hearts (pause). Lord, in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Response: Amen.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Congregation: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Congregation: 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.

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.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Congregation:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
Confirmands: And all God's children say **Congregation: Amen.**

Postlude

“Trumpet March in D Major”
John Ferreira

music by John Stanley

Attendance for Last Sunday: 236 views (as of 5/28/2020)

Flowers: given by Bonnie Zipf in deep appreciation and thanksgiving for all the volunteers at St. Paul, the medical personnel and all first responders for their selfless giving and dedication.

Eternal candle: given by Ethel Hamilton in deep appreciation for all those giving so generously of their time and spirit during this trying time.

This week at St. Paul ~ June 1-7

Monday 6/1	11:00a	Zoom Prayer
Tuesday 6/2	5:30p	Community Meal
Wednesday 6/3	8:00a	Property Committee meeting
	7:00p	Zoom Story and Study
Friday 6/5	9:30a	Food Pantry packing
Saturday 6/6	9:00a	Food Pantry distribution
	10:00a	Musician Rehearsal
Sunday 6/7	9:30a	Worship on Facebook Live

New Zoom Ministries

Are you interested in gathering with others over Zoom? We have prayer on Mondays at 11a and a time of sharing stories and study on Wednesdays at 7p. Contact Kim Heindl for the invite. kaheindl@comcast.net or 239-839-7289. Landline phones work too for Zoom.

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.

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 Bev, Yuliet, Kim, and Ileana.

SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity

<p>Members Beetle Family Susan Burmaster Sue Fisher Bob Fong Evelyn Gulliksen Barbara and Ed Hahne Brian McCulley Cecilia Morvick Ann Olsen Jean Panthana James Paulsson John Puckhaber Doris Schlotterback Susy Scholl Ginger Webb Karin Zukowski Homebound Members Joanne Austin Sharyn Brodnax Pr. Loren Hoch Charles Kistner Olive Lehman June Manselle Mary Marshall Virginia McQuaig Michael Reiter Carole Wilson Bettie Zuknick</p>	<p>Friends and Family Selah – <i>friend of Marty Hillerich</i> Martin, Ernest, and Tricia – <i>friends of Puckhaber's</i> Clinton Allen – <i>friend of Jim Paulsson</i> Alice Bishop – <i>friend of Doris Schlotterback</i> Susan, Kaleigh, and Devon Boller – <i>family of Dorothy Boller</i> Franklin Boyer – <i>friend of Puckhaber's</i> Sherri and Rebecca Buete – <i>family of Brian McCulley</i> Esther Davis – <i>friend of Puckhaber's</i> Stephanie Diehl – <i>daughter of community meal guests</i> Nicole, Shane, and Brodie Dietrich – <i>friends of Puckhaber's</i> Cody Eddleman – <i>husband of John Beyer</i> Freddie Greer – <i>friend of Jim Paulsson</i> Terri Hancock – <i>friend of Marthe Hildreth</i> David Jackerson – <i>son of Susy Scholl</i> Kenny Manselle—<i>son of June Manselle</i> Ginny Marraccini – <i>sister of Kathie Snyder</i> Tiffany Merrill – <i>daughter of Christine Merrill</i></p>	<p>Pam Mills – <i>sister of Daniel Mills</i> John Morrow – <i>family of Brian McCulley</i> Mae Noll – <i>seasonal attender</i> Karen Paulsson – <i>sister of Jim Paulsson</i> Terry Panthana – <i>niece of Jean Panthana</i> Olivia Philips – <i>family of Judy Roberts</i> Cory Putnam – <i>grandson of Janice Kruse</i> Manny Rebas – <i>friend of Ethel Hamilton</i> Candy Reimer – <i>godmother of PrAshley</i> Courtney, Chad, and baby Scherr – <i>daughter-in-law and son of Scherr's</i> Brian & Tommy Schlotterback—<i>sons of Doris Schlotterback</i> Cynthia Lu Scholl – <i>sister of Susy Scholl</i> Jim Scianni – <i>son of Scianni's</i> Timothy Smith—<i>grandson of Ginny McQuaig</i> Susan Sullivan – <i>friend of John Ferreira</i> Dan Torrence – <i>friend of Marty Hillerich</i> Elaine & Mark Vanderweight-<i>friends of Jim Paulsson</i> Amy Zuccarello—<i>daughter of Dcn. Michele Hilton</i></p>
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The Day of Pentecost

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Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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Emilee Marie Miller

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16. This verse means to me that God saw that the world was in need. He saw the people sinning and ruining the world he had created. He sent his Son, Jesus, to be the savior. God loved the people so much that he sent Jesus to save us, even knowing what Jesus would face from people who didn't believe in him.

To me, having faith means I trust God to take care of me. Being a Child of God means that I follow God in his image. I spread the message of God to people who need to hear it. As I've gotten older, my faith has grown to be more reliant on God. I look to Him for answers and to get me through challenges. Whenever I come across an obstacle in life, big or small, I pray. I know that whatever happens, it's God's plan and I will be okay. My baptism means that I'm loved and accepted into the family of God and he is looking out for me.

My family has always had a big part in my faith. I come to church with my parents most Sundays and they've taught me about God since I was little. I was raised coming to church and going to VBS in the summers.

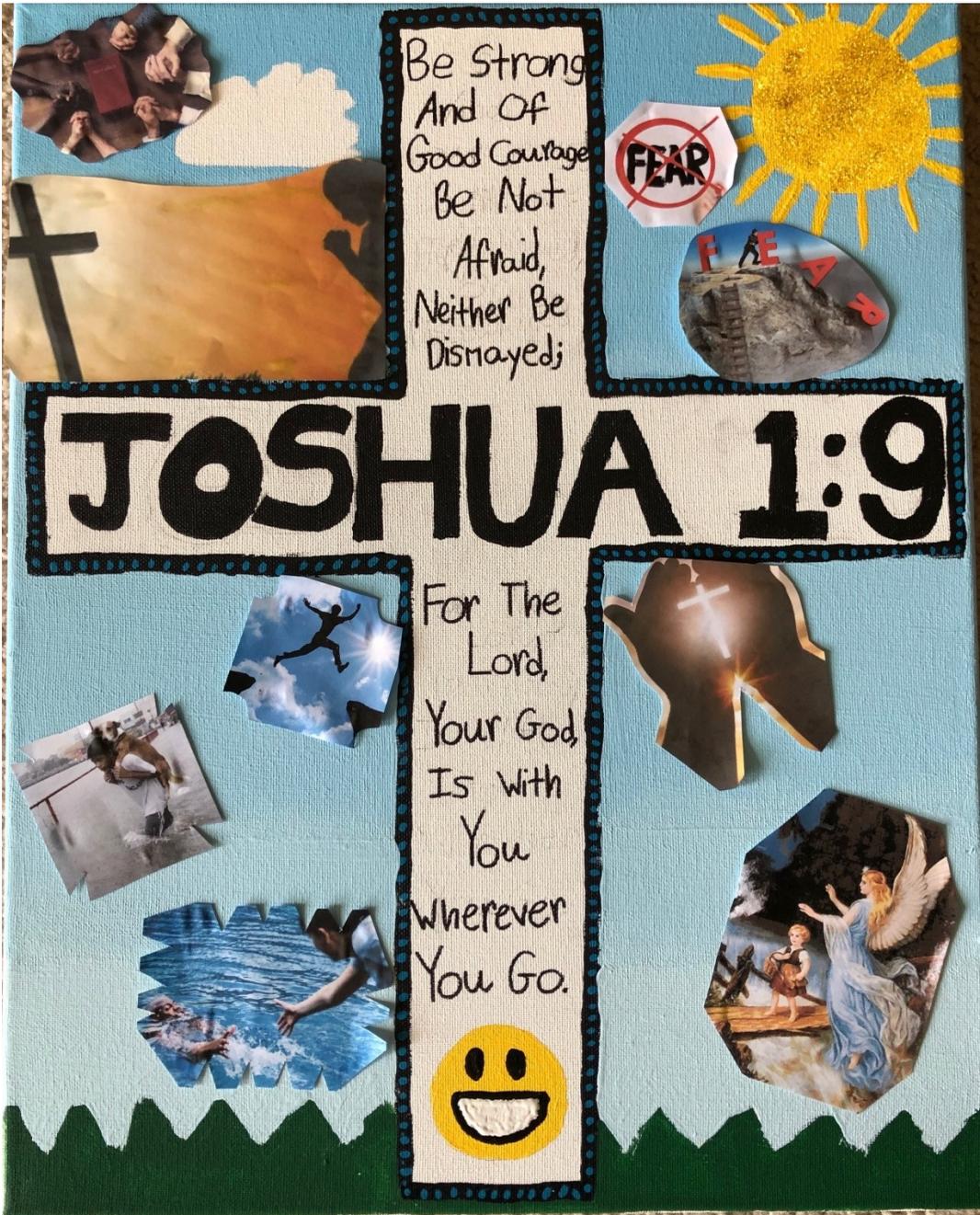
The best part of confirmation has been getting to know the mentors better. I've learned more about their faith journeys and their lives. In the future, I hope to be a part of St. Paul by attending church and helping in some of their ministries. I would love to work with the pre-school children more.

Ruby Lorene Williamson

The verse I chose was Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” For every person, this verse will mean something different to them, but to me this verse means Love. I believe that my “strength” is the love from people around me. For example, I have always been just a little insecure about myself, but my best friend, Jaxen, she told me to just do little things at a time. Like, wear the clothes that you want to wear and not somebody else wants you to. Do the things that will make you, and you only happy. The point is that I am doing those little things. Christ put these people in my life for a reason and I think the reason is that the strength that Christ gives me is given through the people that I love and love me back. That is why I chose this verse.

I recently got baptized by a close family friend. She just said a few words and then dunked me underwater and brought me back up. Getting baptized means that God is washing away your past sins and you are giving yourself to Christ. I also learned about (The Christian's M-16) Mark 16:16-18 which says, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak in new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” This is important because of the promise that he gave to those who believe and follow in Christ.

My catechism journey was a great experience. I learned many things in class like, what it means to be confirmed and why it is important to be confirmed. My favorite part was when we would go places like the park and handing out dog treats and water bottles. I also liked sharing our highs and lows of the week. I especially liked learning more about Addy and Emily and the mentors. I would like to thank the mentors for taking the time to help us through our journey. I would also like to thank Pastor Ashley for leading us through this journey. ~Ruby Williamson



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