

For the Living of these Days August 5, 2020

Information for Worship in a Time Apart

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Woo Hoo! We are back up and running! Please check us out!

COME ONE AND ALL TO WORSHIP TOGETHER SATURDAY AUGUST 8ST AT 4 P.M.!

WEAR A MASK!

BRING HAND SANITIZER!

SIT IN MARKED PEWS and OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN FAMILY GROUPS!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN COPY OF THE BULLETIN ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE, DON'T COME IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL.

**CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OUR SERVICE ONLINE ON FACEBOOK OR GO TO STPAULSELCA.ORG,
FOLLOW THE LINK AND OPEN THE VIDEO IN THE BROWSER OF YOUR CHOICE!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Stepping out of the boat. This has been a crazy time, for our world, and for the smaller community of St. Paul's. Every time we put our foot out of the boat we seem to encounter something else that makes us want to pull our foot back in, dive under the nets and stay in the boat! Pastor Betsy's long recuperation, short return, and necessary leaving. Other folks leaving our comfortable boat and heading out to other seas in their new boats leaving us bereft of friends. But we continue to try to keep our eyes on Jesus, focus on him, and slowly, steadily leave our comfortable place, rise up and continue the journey. We are getting a handle on this new-fangled technology with the live church services – trying new equipment, figuring out the phone system (finally-thank you Greta!), and our next adventure – communion in the pews. The water has been choppy, there's no doubt, but slowly, step by step we continue our journey. *Kerrill Foster*

Glad Startings. A committee is being formed to begin the search for a new organist. If you have any insights or know of a possible candidate, please call the office and leave the information. We are also looking for people willing to help with filming the live service one Saturday a month. Again if you can help, please contact Greta at stpaulselcanewark@gmail.com or call or text her at 740-644-4620. Thanks!

Open Council Seat – With Matt Hummel's departure, his council seat will need to be filled. If you are interested in serving, please let Greta know by August 8th.

The cups have arrived! Our first Holy Communion will be held at the 4 p.m. service on August 15th. There will be a demonstration on how to work the little cups at the beginning of the service and the Cantor will lead the congregation through the communion process while it happens. The cups contain a wheat wafer and grape juice. If you have an allergy, you can speak to Denise or Terri before the service and they will provide a substitute. If you choose to share in communion at home using your own bread and wine, Pastor Stroup says that is allowable, **provided you participate with us during the live church service.**

August Birthdays

August 8th – Sadie Smith, August 9th – Ellie Crane, Richard Pound, Gayla Richmond
August 10th – Wanda Barrett, August 11th – Logan Bragg, Aiden Carpenter, Evan Hodges
August 12th – Cynthia Flowers, Ron Wheeler, Linda Woolard
August 14th – Jordan Harble, Maggie Harble, Katie Miller

August Anniversaries

August 10th – Doug & Cheryl Fulton (45), August 13th – Will & Jeri Kennard (53)
August 14th – Mark & Sally Finck (25)

Please Keep the following people in your prayers:

Russ Hovland & family	Carmella Holman	Missy Zimmerman	Ruth White
Tambra Simon	Ruth Swinehart	Ginny Baker	Pastor Betsy & family
Paul Baker	Jan Rengert		

Those with long-term ongoing concerns:

Dawn Campbell	Betty Neighbarger	Wilma Keller	Rose Godenschwager
Earnest & Wanda	Gretchen Treneff	Terry Nelson	Frances Slebodnik
Cooperider	Mary Beamer	Margaret Marx	Alice Smith
		Terrie Baker	

The flowers on the altar August 8th are given by Dave & Miriam Truex in honor of the wedding of their daughter, **Rachel Truex** to **Tom Steiner** August 4th in Michigan. Rachel and Tom live in Michigan.

A Note from Pastor Betsy:

Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers, cards and get well wishes as I conclude my time with St. Paul's as your pastor. I have received so much encouragement from them through some very difficult days. I am grateful always for you, and pray for you through the difficult days to come for St. Paul's, but I am confident that the One who began good work in you will continue to do so as you walk with God's Holy Spirit to guide you. For the past four months, my oncologists have been seeking a diagnosis that appeared by all measures to be metastasized cancer from my lung. As I wrote in my blog, each day for four months I have awakened thinking about what my family needs to continue without me. All that changed last week. To even my doctor's astonishment, the last biopsy results indicate no cancer! What is confirmed, however, is that I have a rare autoimmune disease called sarcoidosis, and it is worse than doctors suspected as of last year. It is making me very sick, and I will live the rest of my life managing it....but I have a life to manage with it. I will remain on permanent disability, but I will have better days. Thank you for your care for my family and I throughout. You are cherished partners in the Gospel.
Peace and Joy, Pastor Betsy

10th Weekend after Pentecost
Service of the Word
St. Paul's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
August 8, 2020 4 p.m.

Organist: Matthew J. Hummel
Council President: M. Jean Hovland
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. William J. Rauch
Supply Pastor: Rev. Dr. John D. Stroup



PRELUDE: *“My Comfort By Day, My Song By Night” – Gilbert M. Martin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Dear Friends, please remember that there will be no singing or speaking in unison during the service to reduce the possible spread of disease. All text will be read by the supply pastor and singing by the cantor. The offering plates will be by the exit doors as you leave today. Standing at this service is optional.*

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

KYRIE - Kyrie Eleison, Lord Have Mercy, Christe Eleison, Christ have Mercy,
Kyrie Eleison Lord Have Mercy

GLORIA

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD| God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

THE LESSON: *is written in the book of Romans Chapter 10 beginning with the 5th verse:*

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!” *The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand as you are able. Standing is optional.)*

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter. (22-33)

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.” *The gospel of the Lord.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #759 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray take, all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me oh, may my love to thee pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold sullen stream shall o’er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above a ransomed soul!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *please remember there are no responses said in unison.*

LORD’S PRAYER Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us together silently pray as Jesus taught us: 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

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE: *“Kings’ Lynn”*- English Melody