

For the Living of these Days July 29, 2020

Information for Worship in a Time Apart

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We're experiencing some technical difficulties, but please keep trying!!

COME ONE AND ALL TO WORSHIP TOGETHER SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST 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.

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PHONE MESSAGE AT 1-740-247-5551

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Individual Freedom, E Pluribus Unum, Loaves and Fishes Like many of you, I have been seeing and hearing about how some folks view a mask mandate is impinging on individual freedom. I am trying to square this view with our national motto and this week's Gospel reading. I think what is missing is an understanding of compassion. We have a lot of freedom in this country but I don't find those freedoms incompatible with compassion, nor do those freedoms come without responsibilities we owe to country and neighbor. E Pluribus Unum – Out of Many, One - the national motto which I have been seeing on coins and currency this week as I started deposits once again at my job– We are all different, but we are one people – doesn't say we all agree with each other, but if we are one people, what responsibilities do we have to each other? Jesus, as usual guides us to the answer; compassion – he looked at that rabble-raising crowd of needy, whiny, people - the same folks who would reject him pretty darn soon and *had compassion*. That compassion led him to a cross. If we want to follow Him, he tells us to pick up our cross and follow him. I would suggest that a large part of that cross is compassion for our neighbor – irritating though they may be. How can we care for our neighbor? What is more important? A little piece of cloth seems kind of inconsequential compared to the greater gifts of God and Country. *Kerrill Foster*

Sad Partings. Congregation Council has received the resignations of our organist, Matthew Hummel and Choir Director, Michael Belt. Matt is leaving us after 6 ½ years and heading to New York and his last Saturday with us will be August 22nd. Michael has taken a job with a church closer to his home. We wish them both the best, and while we cannot come together and say goodbye, I'm sure a card would be most appreciated. If you need an address, please call the office. Also stay tuned for possible farewell parties on Zoom!

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 shipped! Our first Holy Communion will be held at the 4 p.m. service on August 15th

August Birthdays

August 1st – Ginny Baker, Linda Wildman August 2nd – Ashley Baker, Megan Swisher

August 3rd – Shelia Cline, Wayne Marx

August 4th – Rose Godenschwager, Levi Holloway, Jane King (86)

August 5th – Mary Lou Heatwole (88), Lynn Hostetter, Cheryl Trainor

August 6th – Susan Wagenheim

August Anniversaries

August 2nd – Keven & Faith Settles (23), August 4th – John & Libby Warnock (47)

August 6th – Charlie and Hydi Laidlaw-Smith

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	

**9th Weekend after Pentecost
Service of the Word
St. Paul’s Evangelical
Lutheran Church
August 1, 2020 4 p.m.**

Organist: Matthew J. Hummel
Choir & Ringers Director: Michael D. Belt
Council President: M. Jean Hovland
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. William J. Rauch
Supply Pastor: Rev. Dr. John D. Stroup



PRELUDE: *“How Great Thou Art” – Lucy Ann Warriner*

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 Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 145:8-9,14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
⁹Lord, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.
¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.
¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
¹⁷You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.
¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
¹⁹You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.
²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
²¹My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God’s holy name forev- | er and ever.

THE LESSON: *is written in the book of Romans Chapter 9 beginning with the 1st verse:*

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. *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. (13-21)

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. *The gospel of the Lord.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #843 *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel healing every dread disease, Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand;
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate Christ who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the one who makes us one.

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: *“Lasst uns erfreuen”*- Gerald Peterson