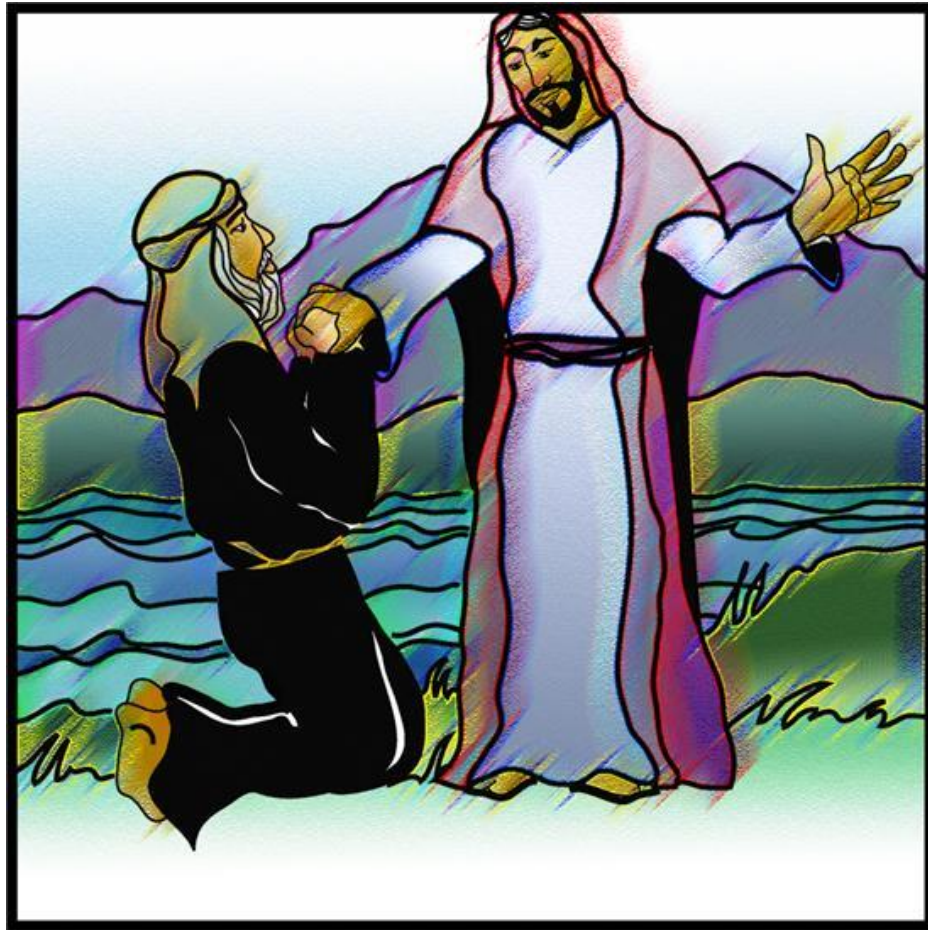


St. Paul's Lutheran Church



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

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Welcome to all – especially visitors!!!

It is no accident that you are here today!

You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you,
and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord!

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG #688 “Lord of Light”

Lord of Light

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (Read responsively)

⁶Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷**Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!**

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹**Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.**

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³**Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.**

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵**Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.**

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For

we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all

things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Pamela Illick

HYMN OF THE DAY #532 “Gather Us In”

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us join our voices together as we confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind especially New Hope Ministries and Tree 4 Hope. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Healing God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Levi, Clyde, Zelda, Jim, Nicole, Katie, Kody, Kaylin, Mason, Jean, Arla, Claris, Paul, Kathy, Angelia, Pat, Mary, Gilbert, Art, Ann, Dee, Kim, Gerald and JoAnn, Marge and Jerry, Earl, Miriam, Tim, Trudy, Judy, Jesse, Sarah Jane, Travis, Jim, Barbara and Leon, Michael and Sharon, the family of Kenneth Stephan as they mourn his death, those who suffer from Covid, and those whom we name in our hearts.... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation, especially as we move our worship indoors and Sunday School classes resume on October 17. The impact of covid on your people has scattered us and we ask your help to gather your people back to worship, to learning, to serving you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died especially Teresa, Anna, and Kenneth. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Pastor and Assisting Minister receive the offering and elements for communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of abundance,

C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Brought together by the Holy Spirit from all the spaces we are right now, we 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

DISTRIBUTION

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY TIME

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (*Please remain seated as the Postlude is played so that our friends worshipping via Facebook Live can hear.*)

Large print bulletins are available – please see an usher.

Bulletins are presented to the glory of God.

Thank you to those assisting with worship today: Mason Miller, Assisting Minister; Denise Casella, Lector; Drew Kugler and Mike Peck, Ushers
Pianist: Denise Casella

Assisting in October*:

	Asst. Minister	Lector	Usher	Usher
Oct. 17	Mary Jane McMillan	Vicki Barnhart	Darrell McMillan	Mike Stoner
Oct. 24	Nick Cekovich	McKenna Stitzel	Drew Kugler	Mike Peck
Oct. 31	Denise Casella	Steve Hoffmaster	Darrell McMillan	Mike Stoner

*Worship inside the building

Hydration Station: Please help yourself to water, located where you pick up your bulletin.

WE ARE MOVING INSIDE! Starting Sunday, October 17th, worship service will be held inside. We will continue our Facebook Live broadcast. You must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, practice social distancing, and refrain from physical contact. Sunday School for all ages will also resume on the 17th. Masks must be worn in classes as well.

CARD SHOWER Pearl Lehmer, a former member of St. Paul's is celebrating her 90th birthday on October 14th. Her family would like to honor her with a birthday card shower. Cards and well wishes may be sent to her current address at:

Pearl Lehmer
176 Spring Rd. Rear
Carlisle, PA 17013

UPCOMING

- Book Study beginning tonight (7:00pm-8:00pm) and then repeating on Wednesday Oct. 13 (8:00pm-9:00pm), we begin Session 1 of our 6-week book study of Austin Channing Brown's book **I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness**. This first session will cover the content of pages 11-39. Pastor sent an email on Tuesday, Oct. 4 with information you need for reading pacing and more information for the class. This class is open to anyone in the congregation and their friends and family. You do not have to register, simply log onto Zoom (zoom.us) and enter the Meeting ID and the Passcode when prompted. Or open up the email Pastor sent Oct.4 and click on the link. Here is the information you need to log in:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84715836090?pwd=OFFYSCtmeitFMepROUVEN1J6cm1Qdz09>
Meeting ID: 847 1583 6090, Passcode: 494185
- Thirsty Thursday: Join us by the Fireplace this week for an evening of conversation and S'mores! Bring your favorite beverage and a friend. The fun begins at 7:00pm.
- Healing Service and Blessing of Caregiver and Medical Professionals: On October 17, we will recognize and bless Caregivers and Medical Professionals during our worship. If you, or you know someone who fits this description, please let the church office know their name by Wednesday, October 13.

October at a Glance:

October 10 – Book Study: **I'm Still Here** Session 1, at 7:00pm Zoom

October 12 – Council, at 7:00pm Zoom

October 13 – Book Study Session: **I'm Still Here** 1, at 8:00pm Zoom

October 14 – Thirsty Thursday by the Fire, at 7:00pm, St. Paul's Pavilion

October 16 – Funeral for Anna Messinger, at 11:00am Outdoor Sanctuary

October 17 – Inside worship: Healing Service and Blessing of Caregivers and Medical Professionals

October 17 – Book Study: **I'm Still Here** Session 2, at 7:00pm Zoom

October 18 – Pastor Vacation Day

October 20 – Book Study: **I'm Still Here** Session 2, at 8:00pm Zoom

October 24 – November 2 – Pastor on Vacation

October 24 – Pastor Eric Andersen will supply

October 24 – Book Study: **I'm Still Here** Session 3, at 7:00pm Zoom

October 27 – Book Study: **I'm Still Here** Session 3, at 8:00pm Zoom
October 31 – Reformation Sunday (Pastor Eric Andersen will supply)

New Church Office Hours: These are the office hours for this fall. If you need to meet with Pastor in the office outside of these hours, please call her to set an appointment. When you come to the office, please wear a mask.

Pastor: Monday: 2:00pm - 4:00pm*
Wednesday: 2:00pm - 4:00pm*
Thursday: 9:00am - 12:00 noon*

**These hours are subject to change in the event of a pastoral emergency or a meeting Pastor must attend. Please call to ensure she is in the office before you come.*

Office Manager: Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30am (available by phone only)

If you have needs outside these hours, please either call Pastor at 443-876-4736, or the church phone at 717-697-9675 (messages will be retrieved and return calls made as soon as possible).

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