

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
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Prelude - Prelude on Amazing Grace, setting by Robert A. Hobby and improvised interlude by  
Jacqueline Nappi

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Hymn - Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

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We gather in the name of the Father ☩ and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us confess our sin.

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.**

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Let us pray

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.

Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**First Reading – Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah’s rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

**Refrain**



Your love, O Lord, for - ev - er will I sing.

**Refrain**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing; from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**  
**you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my | chosen one; I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**“I will establish your | line forever, and preserve your throne for all | generations.” ” Refrain**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the | festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily | in your name; they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory | of their strength, and by your favor our might | is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD; our king to the Holy | One of Israel. Refrain**

## **Second Reading - Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day - All Are Welcome**

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned especially, Audrey, Barbara, Jan, Johanna, Tony, Sonja, Charlie, JoAnn, Leon, Judy, Janet, Carol, Jim, Joyce, Barbara, Ida, Debbie, Larry, Blanche, Leslie, Jim, Kaaren, Leigh, Bob, Kathy and all those we name now in our hearts or on our lips. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you.

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other.

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **Holy Holy Holy**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of powe'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready.

**Communion will be available in the church parking lot Sunday, from 10 to 11 am.  
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR. WE WILL COME TO YOU AND DELIVER A  
WAFER AND WINE OR GRAPE JUICE. IT WILL BE SERVED TO YOU IN A FOAM  
BOWL. PLEASE TAKE THE ELEMENTS AND DISTRIBUTE AMONG THOSE IN YOUR  
VEHICLE AND THEN DISPOSE OF THE CUPS AND BOWL WHEN YOU GET HOME.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.  
**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn - Give to Our God Immortal Praise!**

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Postlude - Fanfare on Duke Street, setting by Allan Mehnke (b. 1944)

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**Prayer of the Church (Members):** Audrey Pearson, Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Johanna Nikitscher, Tony Perrotte, Sonja and Charlie Bock, JoAnn and Leon Bowman, Judy Schlegel, Janet Ravert, Carol and Jim Sackett, Joyce Veazey, Barbara Anderson, Ida Elliott, Debbie Fullbright, Larry Jenkins, Blanche Bragg, Leslie Johnson, Jim Klausman, Kaaren Johanson, Leigh Stock, Bob Lewis, Kathy Daniels

**Our sympathy** to the family and friends of Watts Bragg, husband of Blanche Brewer Bragg. Watts died on Tuesday, June 23.

**Prayer List Changes** – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time** - drop a note in the offering plate, email staff, or call the office.

**Prayer of the Church (Friends):** Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Byron Franzen (brother of David Franzen), Laura and Mike Smith (sister and her husband by Carol Sackett), Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), JoAnn Sackett (daughter-in-law of Carol and Jim Sackett), Kate Genaitis, Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Tom and Mary Jakubus (friend of Deb Tabert), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Tristan and Hailey Hunter (relatives of Deb Tabert), Cary Grant (friend of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Lydia Taylor (cousin of Bee Ellertson), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Bob and Ellie DeVries, Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gary Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Rose (friend of Deb Tabert), Brady Laubert (grandson of Pam and Steve Taylor), Staci Dominick (daughter-in-law of Ted and Diana Dominick), Leonard Anderson, (family friend of Ted and Diana Dominick), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), Jane Craig (aunt of Pat Casper), Ruby Fox (cousin of Marlene Coulter)

**Daily Devotions:** New dates through Saturday, July 25 for the daily devotions have been added to the Devotion Sign Up. If you are willing to write a daily devotion for the congregation please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily> Please submit your devotion to Vicar Anna ([vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)) at least two days in advance of the publish date.

**From Pastor Scott Anderson:** We extend to you an invitation to a new initiative by the NC Synod of the ELCA concerning Racism and our desire for justice and equity. Their effort is another opportunity to engage in learning and conversation as well as develop new skills in our fight to overcome racial inequality. Follow this link to this initiative: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Special-e-News-From-the-bishop.html?soid=1101477504383&aid=NQtoMkx5b7E> . I would encourage you to consider participation in this effort.

**Helping explain racism to children.** There are two videos in the following link where Sesame Street Characters address Racism in a CNN Townhall and Abby supports Big Bird in the second video. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/06/app-news-section/cnn-sesame-street-race-town-hall-app-june-6-2020-app/index.html>. Feel free to share the link.

**Here is an article which helps Christians respond to Racism.**

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/racism/the-best-way-white-christians-can-respond-to-racial-tensions.html>

**Pour a cup of tea or coffee and join the Pastor and Vicar for Coffee Hour on Mondays** on Zoom from 10-11. We are looking forward to seeing you, chatting, and catching up. Here is the info:

Topic: **Coffee Hour with the Pastor and Vicar**

Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 Password: 292680

**Scott Anderson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study on Thursday mornings.**

Topic: **Bible Study - Acts** – You may download the lessons ahead of time by going to the home page of our website ([stpaulsdurham.org](http://stpaulsdurham.org))

**Time: 10:30 am on Thursdays**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/946532621?pwd=UTJqYjV0V3laMmpROStMdGRvTGhUT09>

Meeting ID: 946 532 621

Password: 402561

**Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,**

We have been blessed this year with the presence of Vicar Anna. She is nearing the end of her stay and internship with our congregation. In this strange and challenging year it has been the talents of Vicar Anna that have helped to provide the video services that allow us to continue with some normalcy to our worshipping together. I know there are lots of you who will want to honor her service to our church with a gift from your heart. She will be leaving at the end of July, only a month away.

We are trying to arrange a video of members saying goodbye and some type of get together to bid her a fond farewell. We ask that members video or take a snapshot of their goodbye/remembrance of Vicar Anna. For these digital messages, please send them to Tim Hoke by July 20 at [tim1hnva@gmail.com](mailto:tim1hnva@gmail.com) and they will be edited into a video message to be delivered to her.

Please plan to participate in a drive-by farewell in the parking lot at St Paul's. If you would like to make a sign, decorate your car or bring a card, they will all be appreciated. We will inform you of the specific date soon but it will likely occur around July 25.

In Christ, with God's Grace and Peace

Tim Hoke, Co-Chair

St Paul's Vicar Committee, 2019-20

**Dear Fellow St. Paul's members,**

Social Ministry is giving you the opportunity to continue with the annual Christmas in July through the ELCA's Good Gifts Program. Throughout the month of June, you may write a check to St. Paul's or donate money in another way, indicating this is for "ELCA Good Gifts." The first of July, the money will be tallied and a "gift" will be selected. You will be notified of the amount and the "gift" selected. If you want more details on the ELCA's program, visit <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>. Give as you are motivated to do for this program. There are many ways to support those in need during these challenging times. This is only one. Thank you.

God's work. Our hands (and hearts!).

Social Ministry Committee

**COVID-19 Task Force**

As North Carolina begins to reopen, the congregation council has created a COVID-19 Task Force to make recommendations about worship and other in-person activities at St. Paul's. It will be chaired

by Linda Foreman with Pastor Anderson, Tina Bessias, Joan Albright, Dean Redman, Janet Seiz, and Sean Slane serving on it.

Because our congregation and staff skew toward high risk categories, we will not be among the early wave of churches and businesses to reopen. We certainly want to do so as soon as safely possible, however. The task force will keep up with guidance from the ELCA and the NC synod as well as state and local orders. We will update the congregation regularly. Please feel free to share questions, requests, opinions, etc. through the council email address: [council@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:council@stpaulsdurham.org) .

In the meantime, we are still the church, and there is much we can still do! Remember to look for the link to each week's worship service in Saturday email messages--or just keep an eye on our Vimeo page (<https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham>). Consider coming to drive-through communion on Sundays from 10:00-11:00. And check on people you know in the congregation. Perhaps it's time to make some more calls to people you haven't crossed paths with since March!

Thank you for your continuing financial support. Our finance team encourages you to consider giving online. You can make a one-time or recurring contribution by visiting this page on the church website: <http://www.stpaulsdurham.org/giving-online.html>. Or you can use the mail to send in a voided bank check with the amount of contribution and frequency. Our Financial Secretaries, Phil Hart and Rod Runestad will be glad to answer questions or guide you through this process. Contact Phil at [psbhart@gmail.com](mailto:psbhart@gmail.com); phone 817.692.9487. Contact Rod at [rodrunestad@gmail.com](mailto:rodrunestad@gmail.com); phone 203.912.3024.