

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship**  
**Sunday, June 14, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
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Prelude - Tallis' Canon

arr. by Michael Burkhardt

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Hymn - Gather Us In**

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

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**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **WORD**

##### **First Reading – Exodus 19:2-8a**

*At Sinai God assured Israel, “You shall be my treasured possession,” and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God’s will.*

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

#### **Psalm 100**

##### **Refrain**



We are God's peo - ple and the sheep of God's pas - ture.

##### **Refrain**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence | with a song.

<sup>3</sup>**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;  
we are God’s people and the sheep | of God’s pasture. Refrain**

<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God’s | holy name.

<sup>5</sup>**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age. Refrain**

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

## **Gospel: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8-23**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

**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.

Holy One, you bring us together and call us your own. Bless theologians, teachers, and preachers who help us grow in faith. Guide your church, that we might be a holy people. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we have created divisions you will not own. In all places of conflict, including the United States, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who care for all forced to leave their homes. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard, and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Comfort all in need, 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 and all those we name now in our hearts or on our lips. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you bring all people to yourself. We give thanks for the holy people who have gone before us. Sustain us in your mission until the day you bear us up to join the saints in light. 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.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

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 - O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

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Postlude - O Holy Spirit, Enter In (Wie Schon Leuchtet Der Morgenstern) setting by Johann Pachelbel

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God with the following recognitions:

- ✠ In honor of Bill and Barb Dahl's anniversary by Martha Dahl.
- ✠ In honor of my daughter's birthday by Bess Line and in hope that everyone is staying safe.

**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

**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), Al Deardorff (cousin-in-law of Marlene Coulter), LeRoy Farmer (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Gary Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Michele and Matthew [mother and baby] (relatives of Pat Casper), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Ron Blackwell (cousin of Pat Casper), Lenore Carnes (aunt of Pat Casper), 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)

**Daily Devotions:** New dates through Saturday, July 4 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 at least two days in advance of the publish date.

**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 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

**This is an open invitation to the congregation of St. Paul's** to talk with one another about ways to respond, and be with one another during this time. Many of you have reached out to me asking - what can we do? How can I support the African American Community.

1. Respond to the invitation to join others in conversation at an open Zoom meeting.

Pastor Scott Anderson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting, **Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm**

Topic: **Open Conversation – Continuing Conversation Group**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84132242986?pwd=bGF5bmczcnhQTTg3bGhLR2VaSmICQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 3224 2986

Password: 177145

2. Download the link to the ELCA's current statement to people of African Descent:

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Slavery\\_Apology\\_Explanation.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Slavery_Apology_Explanation.pdf)

**St. Paul's Readers** – The group will discuss the book Why Religion: A Personal Story, by Elaine Pagels, at the zoom meeting on Thursday, June 18, at 3:00 pm. There will be no book or meeting for July and August.



## **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.