



10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 14, 2022

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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As We Gather

Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. But the other readings provide the context. At the time of the Old Testament Reading, false prophets were telling people that nothing was wrong, although God had not commanded them to teach about anything. In the Gospel, Jesus points out that acting on one's faith inevitably leads to conflict, even within families. Only by faith are we able to look beyond the current, inevitable conflict to the joy that awaits all who follow Jesus. For the eternal joy before Him, He endured the pain. Now it is our turn to run the endurance race until faith is turned to sight.

Prelude

"My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker"

D. Buxtehude

Opening Hymn

"Fight the Good Fight"

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| 1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally. | 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love. |
| 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. | 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear; Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally. |

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P My soul longs for Your salvation;

C I hope in Your word.

P My eyes long for Your promise;

C I ask, "When will You comfort me?"

P In Your steadfast love give me life,

C that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.

Confession and Absolution

We pause to remember our sins before our gracious Heavenly Father...

P Almighty God, merciful Father,

C We confess to You and before one another that we are sinful by nature and have turned away from You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to speak and act on Your behalf when You give us the opportunity. We admit the futility of our own efforts, and we cry to You for mercy, begging Your forgiveness for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

P Beloved in the Lord, God has heard your confession and speaks His gracious absolution to you through those He has called to serve. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

- P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- C** Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
- P** For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
- C** it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.
- P** But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.
- C** We used to take sweet counsel together; within God’s house we walked in the throng.
- P** But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;**
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Lord our God, You have graciously bestowed on us the gift of faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Strengthen our faith, so that we may fight the good fight of faith in times of trial, winning those daily struggles and anticipating the final victory that awaits us by Your grace;
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ The Righteous Branch ✠

Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal?

²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Praise Duet

"There is a Redeemer"

M. Green

Epistle

✠ By Faith ✠

Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

✠ No Peace, but Division ✠

Luke 12:49-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

#728 sts. 1-4

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the
Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has
said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not
dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you
to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for
repose

I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor
to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway
will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to
refine.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...
...So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Piano Selection

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

J. Walther

Hymn

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

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| 1 | The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race, Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That we might thus be justified. | 4 | It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave; It works the faith which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings. |
| 2 | It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the atoning sacrifice, And calls the souls with guilt oppressed To come and find eternal rest. | 5 | It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears. |
| 3 | It brings the Savior's righteousness To robe our souls in royal dress; From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace. | 6 | May we in faith its message learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn; May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord, our righteousness. |

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Hymn

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin; From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.</p> <p>2 Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed; Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.</p> <p>3 Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle’s strife;</p> | <p>In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!</p> <p>4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.</p> <p>5 Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past, I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.</p> |
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*Text: Public domain***Communion Blessing**

- P** The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in this Sacrament You have blessed us, refreshed us, and strengthened us firm in the faith of our Savior. Be with us as we go from here, that we may stand up to all trials and give You the glory for Your gracious presence and strength; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

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| <p>1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise; Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.</p> | <p>2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.</p> |
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4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly
life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;

Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict
cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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Postlude

“My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker”

J. C. Bach



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Altar Care - Wednesday: Sandy Barry

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Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family:

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We pray for those who grieve:

For Bevin Will, family and friends on the death of her father, Patrick Pasqua, Sr., called from this life on Aug. 9th; (No arrangements as of today)

Announcements & Notes:

Please see the attached flyer for the Parking Lot Party.

The Ladies Guild will need many members to assist with their September 17th Vendor Craft Fair. A listing of needs, including donations of baked goods for a bake sale, is listed on a clipboard on the counter next to the church office. Please sign up to help make this fair a success!

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

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| Andrew Mrochen | Vern Howe |
| Eugene Marcinkowski | Roberta & Carlos Owens |
| Denise DeLaurentis | Dorothy Kroll |
| Eric Kessling | Barb & Emily Feehan |
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Parking Lot Party

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Saturday Aug 27th 12:30-4:30pm

4660 W. 94th St. (708) 423-1040

Fun for all ages!!!



Food

Comfort Dogs



Games



Face Painter



Photo Booth



9 Square



Fire Department



Music

(Mark Gorka-Acoustic)



Police Department



and more

All at no charge

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