



THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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As We Gather

We often become anxious when things don't go the way we plan, and we worry about ourselves and our loved ones. All of us experience everyday anxieties, and sometimes there are big cosmic ones too. St. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Sometimes that's easier said than done, so Jesus invites us to turn our anxieties over to Him. While many of us are concerned about things like food and clothing, Jesus reminds us that just as the birds and flowers are well-provided for, He promises to care for us as well. The journey of life is one of faith as we entrust ourselves to the care of God.

Prelude

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

C. Van Hulse

Opening Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#575

1 My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim

But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood

Support me in the raging flood;

When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,

He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone,

Redeemed to stand before His throne!

Refrain

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

P Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

C **By faith, we understand that God created the universe by His Word.**

P By faith, Abel obeyed God and received eternal life.

C **By faith, Enoch pleased God.**

P By faith, Noah built the ark and became an heir of God's righteousness.

C **By faith, Abraham obeyed God and ventured to a land he did not know.**

P By faith, Sarah welcomed the promise of God in a son.

C **By faith, we look to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to overcome our worries, to guide our lives, and to open our eyes to our neighbor's needs.**

We stand in silence as we remember our sins before God.

Confession and Absolution

P Our worry shows our lack of faith in Almighty God and His promises, and so reveals that we are sinful by nature and cannot free ourselves. By things done and things left undone, we have not loved God with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

- C** We confess our sins to You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith we may join the saints who have gone before us in being Your instruments of blessing to the world.
- P** Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray together,
- C** Loving God, by Your Word alone You called all of creation into existence out of nothing. Grant that we who have been called to new life in Christ Jesus may continue to hear and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ God's Covenant with Abram ✠

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

✠ By Faith ✠

Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from

one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem of Praise

“We Sing for All the Unsung Saints”

Holy Gospel

✠ Do Not Be Anxious ✠

Luke 12:22-34

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The First Article

P Today our confession of faith is the 1st Article of the Apostles’ Creed. We say together,

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

Sermon Hymn

“I Know My Faith is Founded”

#587

1 I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God’s Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
I shall be undismayed;

And led by Your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev’ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until Your heav’n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
The end of faith attain.

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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

✠ 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.**

Proper Preface

Lord’s Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Piano Variations

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Hymn #720

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

#720

1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.

To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry “My Lord and God!”

4 For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound

5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

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“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

#540

1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,
Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed Your call.

3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard
Till eternal life we gain.

2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.

4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear Your voice alone.

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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. Loving God, thank You for this Meal of ordinary bread and wine, which according to the Words of Jesus are for us, His very body and blood. As You have called us out of nothing into new life with You, strengthen us now and always through faith in the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love 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

“How Great Thou Art”

#801 sts. 1, 3 & 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome
wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath
made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe
displayed; *Refrain*

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

3 But when I think that God, His Son not
sparing,

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Refrain

4 When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great
Thou art!” *Refrain*

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Postlude

“How Great Thou Art” Reprise

Ruth Sievers



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Announcements & Notes: Spread the word!!

The “Party in the Parking Lot” is August 27. Please see the flyer included in this bulletin, and be sure to share the info with neighbors, family, and friends.

The vendor – Craft Fair is Saturday, September 17th. Invite friends to the event, and tell any vendors you may know to contact the church office.

ALSO:

For that event, the Ladies Guild is asking all members of the congregation for your help. Please think about how you might be able to help either with setting up on the day before the event or on the day of the event. A list 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!

AND:

The Operation Barnabas Annual Veterans’ Luncheon is September 24. Please encourage any veterans you know to call the church office to RSVP.

Please pray for these members of our St.

Paul family:

Gloria Crook	Sandy Plath
Betty Kruckow	Greg Block
Lois Kaminske	Janet Varnagis
Janice Przybycien	Kevin Hickey
Mary Ann Colander	Art Hornburg
Melva Smith	Roy Hodgeman
Carol Small	Mike Degidio
Norma Silinski	Beverly Sellers
Lenore Curran	Betty Beegle
Delphine Cherry	Louis Frank
Deb Skopec	Patricia Murdoch
Herta Iversen	Loretta Frank
The Giacobbe Children	Marge Rochlitz
Ron Hickey	Julie & Larry Gurga
Ingrid Lesko	Katherine Hice
Gloria Meyer	Jan Briede
Delores Stegemann	Warren Miller
Kurt Seehofer	The Polezoes Family

We pray for those celebrating special times in their lives, especially today we remember Joann Wilke, Melva Smith, and Sandy Plath, all of whom celebrated their birthdays yesterday, August 6.

Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over (708) 423-1040.

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Eric Kessler	Barb & Emily Feehan
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow	Janet Trierweiler
Alan Hecke	Vicki Warren
Matt Favero	Sandra Wilson
Michelle Mitchell	Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi	Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher	The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross	Brenda Gurgel
Gloria Folsom	Autumn Kessler
Shirley Fairchild	Simeon Hoppe
Ron Lunt	Christopher Kosary
Sandy Plath	Iris McCoy
Shirley Demyres	Raquel Rameriz
Nick & Bridget DeAngelo	Henry Bonder
Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.	Kyle Hughes
Elaine Hoffstetter	Fred Raddatz
Allyson Seehofer	Selma Carmichael
Bernadette & Rich Trusk	Dana Kahn
Donald Hakanson	Guillermo Ramirez
Paul Noffke	Sue Sortino
Pam Brown	Lisa Sanders
Shawn Harland	Ann Herold
Barb Potter	Wayne Volk
Charley Heitz	Sharon Bryant
Doris Potts	Brad Benfield
Doreen Holford	Janice Hernandez
Judy Collins	Phyllis Hicks
Maryann Krieg (Wilke)	Pam Kirk
Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.	Monica Iversen
Cathy Becker	Ken Matz
Jean & Al Zirbel	Heather & Josh Turro
Mary Ann Rafidi	Pastor Mark Willig
Joe Thomas	Patrick Pasqua Sr.
Debbie Guarascio	Sophia Salus
Justin & Ashley Fasel	Frank Coglinase
Nora Maculitis	Gene Wawrzynikowski
Kimberly Rooney	Rhonda Scott
Robert Gonzalez	Theresa Kostecki
Paul Moeller	Mark Fishbaugh

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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