

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Red Hill
Worship Service - Pentecost 2 - June 11, 2023, 9AM**

Prelude (*Abide With Me (Monk) Margie Rodenberger on Organ*)

Welcome (*Leader*)

Hello everyone! Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, I'm Deacon Kathy Afflerbach and our worship assistant today is Jenn Eisenberger. Today is Fellowship Sunday, hosted by Jenn Eisenberger. Join us following worship.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Eva & Hiram Brey presented by the daughter and family of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Haas.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Jeanette and Howard Bowyer.

The Bulletin is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Darryl Johnson by his family.

Confession & Forgiveness (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Leader: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

The Greeting

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you. (Please be seated)

Hymn (*Green Book# 409 Praise and Thanksgiving*)

Prayer of the Day (Leader)

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The First Reading is from Genesis chapter 12 verses 1-9 (Assistant)

¹The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**
(Please Stand as you are able)

Gospel is from St. Matthew chapter 9 verses 9-13, 18-26 (Leader).

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ** (Please be seated)

(The Children's Message is Online)

Song (*Green Book #390 - I Love To Tell The Story*)

The Message

Song (*You Are My All In All*) Dennis Jernigan | CCLI License #1083898

You are my strength, When I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all
Seeking, You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all

Chorus Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all **Chorus**

Apostles' Creed. (*Please stand as you are able*)

(Assistant): Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith sharing together the words of the Apostles' Creed....

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again 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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain, especially those on our prayer list. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We hope, O God, that you continue to move among us, inspiring us to worship and to serve you and others in Jesus' name. Stir up your Spirit in the heart of a rostered leader so that he or she may be moved to seek a call in our Synod and congregation. Guide and inspire the work of those who serve on this church's Call Committee and Congregation Council as they move forward with their work during this time of transition. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer *(Please be seated for the offering)*

Sanctuary

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Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried and true: with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (repeats 4 X)

(Please stand as you are able)

Song *(We Are An Offering)*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You; We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering, we are an offering.

The Prayer

Leader: Thank you for your continued support of our ministry here at St. Paul's!
Your offerings are greatly appreciated and enable us to reach out in witness
and service to our community. Now let's take a moment to ask God's
Blessings upon our offerings...
God of love, you call us beloved children and fill us with your Grace.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service
to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: 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.**

The Blessing

Leader: Triune God, in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and worship, you have enriched our life together.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one
who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Announcements from the Congregation

Song (*Strong Tower*) Steve Taylor / CCLI License No. 1083898

Strong and mighty, strong to save us, Like a fortress never failing.
Strong in battle, strong in kindness.
When we stray, Lord, You're strong to find us.
When the winds come hard against us, You are steadfast, You are true.
When the ground beneath us trembles, Your foundation never moves.

Refrain: Strong Tower, high and glorious,
Strong tower, mighty in love.
Our refuge, our defender. Strong tower, Lord above.

Strong to lead us through the shadows. Strong to carry all our sorrows.
When the enemy surrounds us, Closing in as darkness falls,
Though his armies rage against us,
They can never scale these walls. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Leader: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
‡ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

ALL: Amen

Leader: Go in peace, share the harvest.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Postlude (*Strong Tower*)

We Remember in Our Prayers

Jenn Bova; Tammy Brown; James Chamberlain; Travis Cook; Megan Daynsh;
Tabby Eckert; Stephen England; Carol Esten; Jessica Fick; Leonard Finkboon;
Maddy Grim; Jackie Hager; Janet Hill; Andrea, Roy & Branson Heglund;
Ford Huot & his family; Nancy Jewell; Marlene Jones; Laverne & Shirley Keyser; Alma
Leister; Barbara Lloyd; Matthew Macarrio, Jr.; Matty McDonald; Paula McKenzie;
Thomas Michael; Barry Miller; Ashley Murray; Alice Oliver; Jennifer & Ajaya Patton;
Larry Rinehimer; Beverly Ritz; Baby Axel Rivett; Ronald Rodenberger; B. Fern Roth;
Kathy Shipley; Steve; Edith Stevens; Bonnie Thomas; Jeff Warden; Ryan Weaver;
Beau Williams; Narmen Youssef

Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please join us in the fellowship hall following worship. Jennifer Eisenberger is our host today.

Please see the bulletin board for information which may not be in the worship program. Also, there will not be a qr scan code on the 4th or 11th. You can open the worship program by visiting www.stpaulredhill.org

Worship notes: Special thanks to Deacon Kathy Afflerbach for leading worship today and to Jennifer Eisenberger for being our worship assistant. The upcoming worship assistants are as follows:

6/18 Alice Hager 6/25 Anne Gabel 7/2 Marianne Uber

Please be sure to pick up any additional announcements and prayers on the separate page which is either in the narthex or in this bulletin. Our Administrative Assistant is on vacation and returns next week, so our helpers are keeping you informed of necessary developments at St. Paul's.

Make Music Upper Perk 11th annual event will be on Wednesday, June 21st, beginning at 9AM, and lasting until after dark. The event is free and open to the public. The printed program with the schedule of events and locations, is available mid May.