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Worship 11:00 AM

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Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/. You do not need a Facebook account to worship. You may also view the service later on our YouTube channel after it is uploaded: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMY5N1JmPn41_R5_Xahok_w?view_as=subscriber

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Annunciation Catholic Church, Father Terry

Synod Parishes: Hope Lutheran in Nanaimo, For the institutions in our church that care for the elderly

Anglican Prayers: Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

ELCIC: Dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor is Public, Javadotcup Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30AM. We are both in-person and on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHFIcWZySkR1dHNpeklqMzU4RIJWUT09

Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486 Password: 263906

- 2. What does the Bible say about justice and poverty? Join us in reading and reflecting on sacred stories that center the poor who seek healing, justice, and freedom. We will gather every Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM Sept. 8th Oct. 20th. We will use *We Cry Justice* by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis. The wider community is also welcome. Contact Tom Kertes at tomkertes@gmail.com or 778-884-5343 to RSVP or for more information.
- 3. Beginning Sept. 11th St. Paul's youth will host youth (grades 8-12) from the community for "Movies That Matter." The plan is to eat pizza and popcorn, watch a movie, and discuss the related moral issues. Movie nights will continue every 2nd Sunday of the month from 5-8:30 PM (September to June). Talk to Adonica or Sam for more information.
- 4. Pastor Diana will be away on holidays Aug. 23-Sept. 15. We are looking for folks who will be willing to assist in worship leadership during her time away.

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.



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

And also with you.

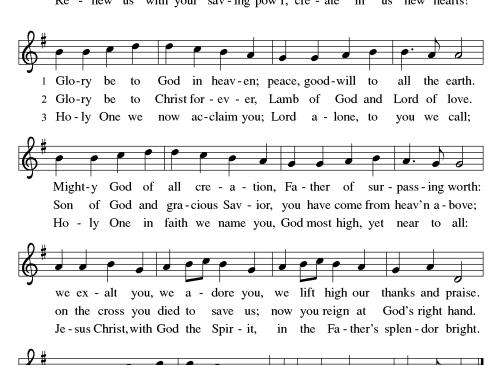
Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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L: Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.

the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry

an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

be

God on high!

Our first reading is from Jeremiah, beginning at the 23rd chapter

23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said

who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We read Psalm 82 responsively: (leader reads the light print, congregation reads the **bold**)

God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;

they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Our second reading is from Hebrews beginning at the 11th Chapter

11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation





The holy gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 12th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they 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." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Diana Edis

Before the Waters Nourished Earth No. 1049 ACS Hymn of the Day fore the wa ters nour ished earth or night im mained This Love re time re vealed the loss of as deep sor - rows De spair, SO it bears no name, or The Love that called tion good all good - ness cre a ag ined morn ing, con ceived the griev den's and, holds glo ry ing, in lyz ing Love's par can not voke a re bring This ing. Love death ni verse and rev eled in its form ing. mem o ry each trag ic hu man sto ry. faith ful claim to dwell with - in dy ing. our gain life and si lence in to sing ing.

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Confession of faith 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 power of 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: (petition response: L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox or you can send e-transfers to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.

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Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.