

*The Season After
Pentecost
Pledge Sunday
Quarry Home Companion!*



St. Paul Lutheran - Stewardship Campaign 2020
"Quarry Home Companion"

The Season After Pentecost: Twenty-fourth Sunday

ELW Service of the Word

St. Paul Lutheran Church – November 15th, 2020– 10:00 A.M.

Introduction to the day

Today the prophet Isaiah reminds us again to look to where we've come from and where we are going, The Holy One who sends us and guides us. Peter reminds us that we are the living stones of the faithful community. Jesus calls us his friends, and welcomes us as partners in his gracious work. The Psalm celebrates our praise in music. On this special Sunday, we celebrate the gifts of our St. Paul community. It is fitting that our service music this morning comes from the Finnish-American duo Aallotar composed especially for St. Paul Lutheran Church in a new liturgy called Songs of Arrival. Born of holy friendships across cultures and times, the music exemplifies our history, our journeys, our perseverance, our service, our joy and our praise.

PRELUDE

Praeludium

Johann Krieger

Fantasia

Fugue in A minor

Fugue in C Major

WELCOME

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

You O Lord are our strength and our refuge;
our hearts trust in you and we are helped;
therefore, we dance for joy,
and in our songs, we will praise You.

(Psalm 28:8, and 62:5-8 adapted)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

*'La Folia' one of the oldest remembered European musical themes,
in Finland known as 'Lampaan polska'*

Trad.

D⁵

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord have

6 Dm A
mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Her - ra ar - mah - da.

11 Dm A Dm A Dm A Dm
Kris - tus ar - mah - da. Her - ra ar - mah - da. Kris - tus ar - mah - da.

17 F C Dm A
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son.

21 Dm A Dm A Dm
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son.

25 F C C[#]dim Dm A
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son.

29 Dm A B^b Gm A Dm
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, **you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51: 1-3

Returning again to the inspiration of the prophet Isaiah, we consider what it is to seek the Lord, to remember our stories, our ancestors, our visions, hopes and dreams, as we move into a future in the courage of faith. Joy and gladness will be found, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

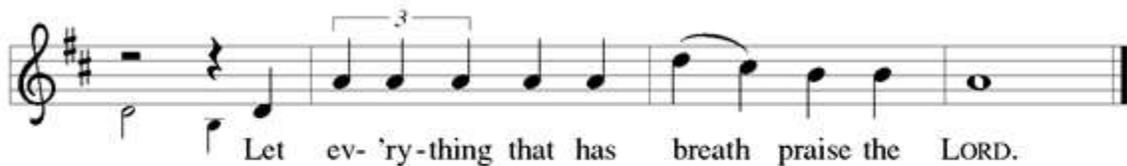
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Word of God, Word of Life

PSALM

Psalm 150



Psalm 150:6

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¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the mighty | firmament.

²**Praise God for | mighty acts;**
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.

³Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp. **R**

⁴**Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;**
praise God with | strings and pipe.

⁵Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything | that has breath**
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 4-6

Peter reminds us that the spiritual community of "living stones" is built from the "living stone" of Christ, a holy household.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Word of God, Word of Life

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Composed by Aallotar

Alleluia

Melody #603 from 'Runosävelmiä II Karjalan runosävelmät' (1930)
collected from Padasjoki by Böök

Trad.

Bm

Lord to whom shall we now turn___ to? You have words of life e - ter - nal.
Her - ra ke - nen puo - leen kään - nyn? Sa - na - si e - lon i - kui - sen.

3 Bm A/C# D A D G F#m Bm

Al - le - lui - a, al - le - lui - a, al - le - lui - a, al - le - lui - a.
Hal - le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

5 Bm A/C# D A D Em F#m Bm

instrumental

THE GOSPEL

John 15:12-17

In his final discourses to the disciples, Jesus offers holy friendship as a way of faith, a holy hospitality, welcoming others as he has welcomed us. In our openness to Christ in our neighbor, surprising friendships arise; beloved community is built. Our new liturgy, Songs of Arrival, arose from such friendships across space and time.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Luther Zeigler

Agnus Dei

Teija Niku

Bm A G Asus⁴ A

Lamb_ of_ God you take a - way the sins of the world.

5 Bm A G A Bm

Lamb_ of_ God you take a - way the sins of the world. Have

9 Gmaj⁷ A Bm Asus⁴ A

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

13 G A F[#]m 1. Bm /A 2. Bm

Lamb_ of_ God, gra - nt us peace. Have peace.

17 Bm A G Asus⁴ A

Oi_ Ju - ma - lan ka - rit - sa, syn - nin kan - ta - ja.

21 Bm A G A Bm

Ek - sy - nei - den aut - ta - ja, tur - van an - ta - ja.

25 Gmaj⁷ A Bm Asus⁴ A

Ar - mah - da mei - tä, ar - mah - da mei - tä.

29 G A F[#]m 1. Bm /A 2. Bm

Ka - rit - sam - me a - r - mah - da. da.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature, especially here by the rocks and the sea, the coves and marshes, the wind and sky. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. We pray for our country as we make the transition to new leadership in our local, state, and national governments. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, and those whose names we offer now... Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of generosity, you show us the way of holy hospitality, offering your abundance to us, over and over again. We thank you for this beloved community and all who support it with their manifold gifts. We thank you for our stewardship team and the adventure of Quarry Home Companion, for all who planned and participated. We thank you for the joyous collaboration of these five weeks. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of joy, we give you thanks for the gifts of music and song, creativity, for our history and our future, for the exaltation of praise. Bless Aaron, Hal, Teija and Sara, all of whom offered their musical talents and time to us in original compositions and improvisations. We are grateful for their friendship. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY SONG

Take, Oh Take Me as I Am

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, with some beamed eighth notes and a few quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, rich in love, we bless your name and give you thanks. In our need, you make haste to help us. You plant us beside streams of your wisdom, teach us in pastures greenening with truth, and guide us on the path of your promise. By your Spirit awaken our faith, that, feasting on your Word, we may love you more fully and serve our neighbor more faithfully; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

QUARRY HOME COMPANION - A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone,
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day,
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign,
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE
Krieger

Toccata

Johann

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching: The Rev. Luther Zeigler

Assisting Minister: Don Johnson

Reader: Don Johnson

Musician and Choir Director: Theodore Stoddard

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LINKS TO AALLOTAR LITURGY: SONGS OF PRAISE and interview with Sara Pajunen and Teija Niku will be supplied in the FYI sent out Sunday Afternoon.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL

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QUARRY HOME COMPANION – STEWARDSHIP 2020-2021

A special thank you to Reverend Anne Deneen for working with musicians Teija Niku and Sara Pajunen of Aallotar to have the wonderful music, included in today's service, composed, recorded, and posted to our YouTube channel.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LES BARTLETT

Les Bartlett has taken photographs of quarries for over 20 years on Cape Ann. He has kindly lent us the beautiful installation of **Ekklesia**, (Greek for "church") based on his portraits of quarry walls. Les has presented his work at St. Paul in the past and was glad to offer his work for us. He has offered a video talk on this work for viewing on our Facebook page, YouTube, and website. This will be shared once received. Thank you, Les, for sharing these beautiful panels.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Deb Coull, Martha Johnson, Mary Jane Morrill, Dylan Maki, and Barbara Olson, thank you so much for a creative and beautiful Stewardship Campaign.

PRAYER AT THE CHAIRS

Each Sunday at 11:00 AM at the chairs in the front of the church as long as there is interest. No gathering will be held if raining. Sign-up is required. Call or email the church office.

PRAYER LISTS

Please keep these people in your prayers for healing throughout the week: Heidi H., Pastor O., Roger K., Dan W., Caitlin G., Janet C., Dennis G., Elaine V., Mary V., Andrew G., Hope L., Amy P., Alane B., Daneen R., Rachael, Sonny M., Mitch O., Tasha R., Carole F., Carrie T., Willy G., Henry K., Jim W., Brian D., Ron M.

Remembrance: Please keep the family and friends of Kelly Moses, Anne Wheeler's brother's finance, in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve her sudden loss.

Armed services: Josh Coakley, Stephanie Norberg, Brian Misuraca, Christian DiGregorio, John Korpi III, Danny Hill, Rachel Misuraca Lewin, Zach Hafey, Liam Carney, and Tony Favalora

Please see the FYI emails for more information