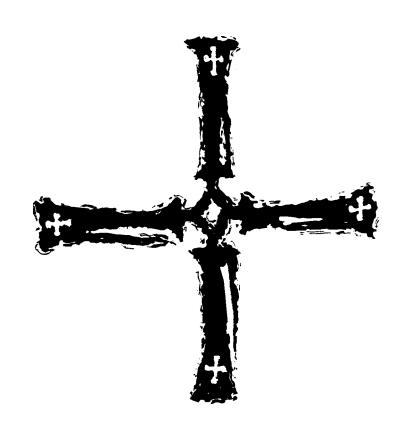
St. Paul Lutheran Church "Let's Make a Difference Together"



"Gotta Have Faith" Sermon Series

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Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals

Christian Education: Sunday's at 10:15 A.M. Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

<u>OUR MISSION STATEMENT:</u> Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family?? Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SILENT MEDITATION... Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

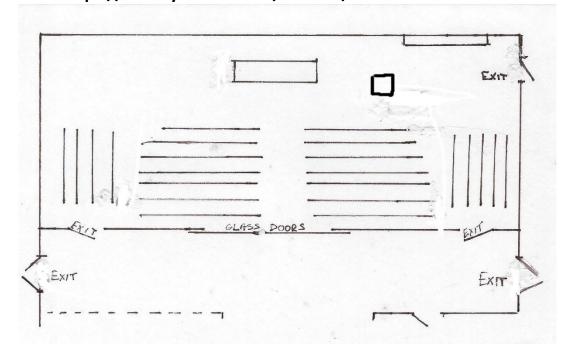
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Worship Service Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 6, 2023

Today begins Pastor's Sermon series "Gotta Have Faith", with "Faith for the Ages". Join us each week in August as she continues the series with "Living in Hope", "Faith for the Whole Body" and "Let Faith Grow".

*Please stand, if able.

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

Chimes

Announcements

Prelude

*Confession

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

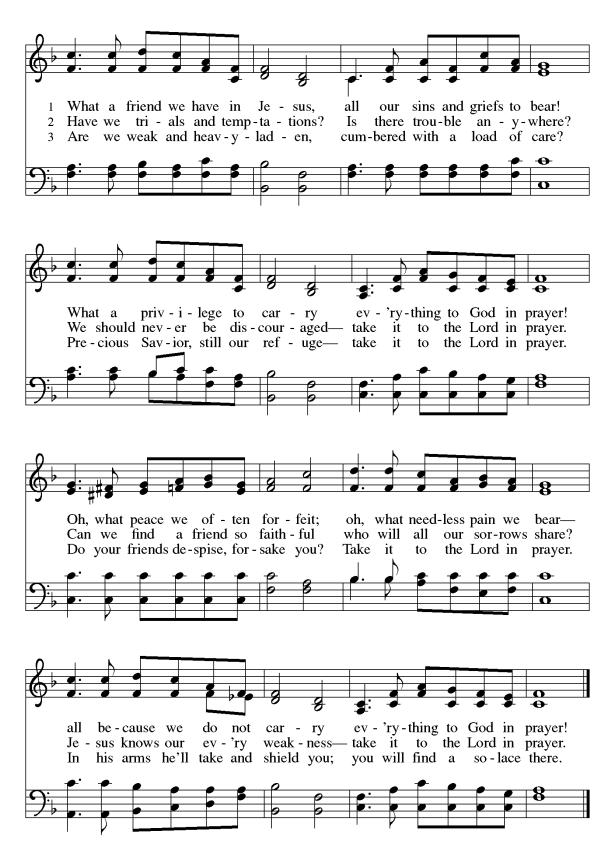
To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Absolution

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.



*Greeting

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



Hymn of Praise



*Prayer of the Day (Lector)

Let us Pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Hebrew 11:1-11

- ¹ Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.
- ² For by this our ancestors were approved.
- ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
- ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith.
- ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away, and so he did not experience death. He was not to be found because God took him away. For before he was taken away, he was approved as one who pleased God. ⁶ Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
- ⁷ By faith Noah, after he was warned about what was not yet seen and motivated by godly fear, built an ark to deliver his family. By faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
- ⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
- ¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself, when she was unable to have children, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she considered that the one who had promised was faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

- ⁸ Lord God of Armies, who is strong like you, Lord? Your faithfulness surrounds you.
- ⁹ You rule the raging sea; when its waves surge, you still them.
- ¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; faithful love and truth go before you.
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the joyful shout; Lord, they walk in the light from your face.
- ¹⁶ They rejoice in your name all day long, and they are exalted by your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are their magnificent strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

- ¹⁸ Surely our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- ¹⁹ You once spoke in a vision to your faithful ones and said, "I have granted help to a warrior; I have exalted one chosen from the people.
- ²⁰ I have found David my servant; I have anointed him with my sacred oil.
- ²¹ My hand will always be with him, and my arm will strengthen him.

Second Reading: Romans 15: 7-13

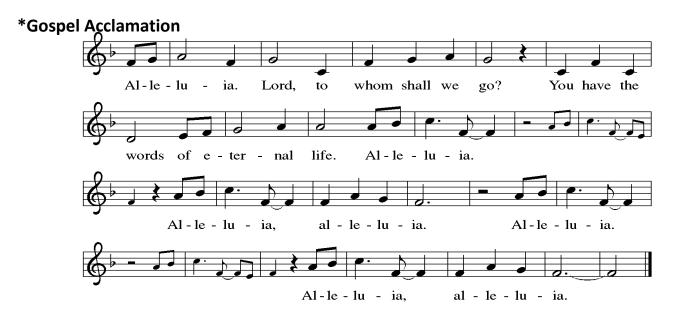
A reading from Romans.

⁷Therefore welcome one another, just as Christ also welcomed you, to the glory of God. ⁸ For I say that Christ became a servant of the circumcised on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises to the fathers, ⁹ and so that Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing praise to your name. ¹⁰ Again it says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people! ¹¹ And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples praise him! ¹² And again, Isaiah says, The root of Jesse will appear, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; the Gentiles will hope in him. ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel. (Lector)



Gospel Reading: James 1:1-12

The holy gospel according to James.

Glory to you, O Lord.

² Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

⁵ Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God — who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly — and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, ⁸ being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the brother of humble circumstances boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ but let the rich boast in his humiliation because he will pass away like a flower of the field. ¹¹ For the sun rises and, together with the scorching wind, dries up the grass; its flower falls off, and its beautiful appearance perishes. In the same way, the rich person will wither away while pursuing his activities.

¹² Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

"Faith to Believe"

Verse 1

Give me the faith to believe You
When I'm stuck here in my fear
Give me the strength to trust You
When my vision's blurred by tears
Give me a hope for tomorrow
'Cause today has gone so wrong
I'm on my knees
Give me the faith to believe

Chorus

Even when I cannot see You
You're still shining You're still shining
Even when I cannot hear You
You're still calling out my name
Even when I cannot feel You
Your arms are open
Always holding on to me
(Give me the faith to believe)

Verse 2

You say You'll never leave me Your love will conquer fear You say Your day is coming That You'll wipe away my tears Give me a hope for tomorrow 'Cause today has gone so wrong
I'm on my knees
Give me the faith to believe

Bridge

Give me the faith to see the invisible
Give me the faith to believe the impossible
Oh give me the faith to receive the incredible
Oh give me the faith to believe it
Oh give me the faith to believe it

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*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of the People (Lector)

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in wartorn areas. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

At this time, you are welcome to voice your joys and concerns, either out loud or silently. *Pause.* Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,

you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.

Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

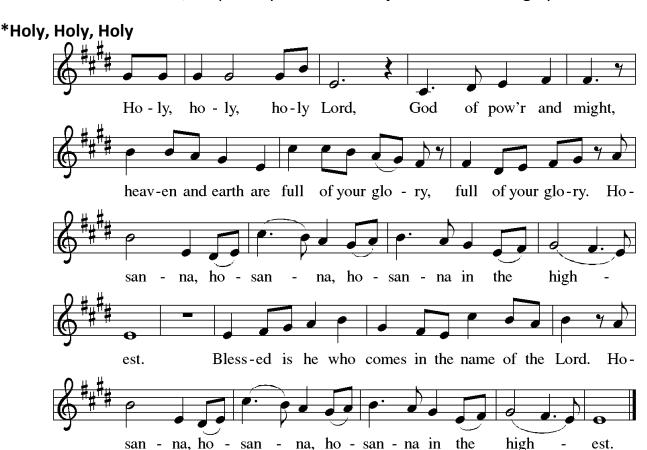
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Words of Institution

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

*The 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.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

*Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. 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.

Amen.

*Blessing

Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Thrive"

Here in this worn and weary land Where many a dream has died Like a tree planted by the water We will never run dry

Pre-Chorus

So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire

Chorus

Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible
(Repeat 4 times)



*Charge to the People

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"The worship ends. . .the service begins."

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Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Sr. Msgt. William F. Allen; Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Sr. Master Sargent William F. Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; Captain Katy Blessings; David Brong; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; the family of Chris Finnerty at his passing; Jamie Fisher; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; Ada Morales; Nelson Morales; Donna Myers; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gina Santiago; Rafael Santiago; Claudette Segear; Frank Schambra; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Scott Wickline; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.



and tuna.

Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry! Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. Items of particular need are peanut butter, cereal, pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, canned veggies (potatoes, peas, green beans, corn, carrots, kidney beans), canned fruit,

Grocery Tapes

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

St Paul Tee-shirts

St Paul Tee-shirts are available to purchase, in sizes from medium to 3XL. The price is \$10.00. Personalized with St Paul Lutheran Church, Tannersville on the back the colorful front says "Faith, Hope & Love 1 Corinthians 13".

August Sermon Series

Pastor is doing a sermon series during the month of August titled "Gotta Have Faith".

August 6th "Faith for the Ages"

August 13th "Living in Hope"

August 20th "Faith for the Whole Body"

August 27th "Let Faith Grow"

Inside Out Church

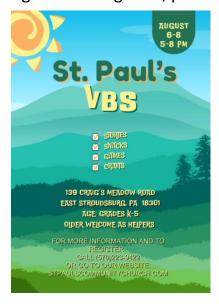
Inside Out Church is held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, in Spies Hall. We join together with a meal and a deep dive into the scriptures. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word and the Bible.

Help Wanted

As many of you already know, Leanna Wickline, our Parish Administrator (and all-purpose problem solver), will be moving to the Harrisburg area at the end of August to be closer to her family. With this in mind, Council is looking to fill Leanna's position by mid-August while she would still be here to assist with any necessary training. The position currently calls for twenty hours per week, but it could be shared between two people. If any of you have an interest in the position or may know of someone who does, please contact Bill Below, Deb Storman, Pastor Woody, or Leanna.

Brunch August 20th

There will be a brunch after worship on August 20th to honor Leanna. Anyone interested in assisting or donating food, please contact Beth Reindl at 570-619-8179.





		Worship	Assistant	Schedule		
	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
	Emily				Beth	
8/6/2023	Kresge	Linda Below	Bill Below	Dawn Bartron	Werkheiser	Barbara Allen
		Deb Storman		Dawn Weiss	Donna Warner	Leanna Wickline
	Barbara					
8/13/2023	Allen	Charlie Hempel	Linda Below		Deb Storman	
		Donna Warner			Barbara Allen	
	Dawn				Linda	
8/20/2023	Weiss	Charlie Hempel	Dawn Bartron	Dawn Bartron	Carrasquillo	Barbara Allen
				Leanna		Leanna
		Donna Warner		Wickline	Barbara Allen	Wickline
	Deb					
8/27/2023	Storman	Linda Below	Kris Kent		Deb Storman	
		Deb Storman			Donna Warner	

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please contact the office.

Next Week's Readings:

1 Peter 1:1-9 A living hope.

Psalm 85:8-13 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

Romans 14:1-4 The law of liberty.

James 2:14-26 Faith and works