

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018

I do not know why
there are more people
in the world that dare
to be different than
there are people who
dare to make a
difference.

Tonny K. Brown

meetville.com

Rev. Arden Dorn, Transitional Minister
Stacey Mika, Lay Reader

408 S. Davidson Street | Karnes City, TX 78118
Office (830) 780-2251 Pastor Dorn (602) 565-9793
www.StPaulsLutheranKC.org
www.facebook.com/StPaulsLutheranKarnesCity

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(ELW p. 656)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Oremos. **Oh Dios de la creación, Majesta eterna, presides a Dios Todopoderoso y misericordioso, te imploramos que escuches las oraciones de tu pueblo. Se nuestra fuerte defensa contra todo dañ y peligro, que podamos vivir y crecer en fe y esperanza, por medio de Jesucristo nuestro Salvador y Señor. Amén.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 B.C. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 30

R: *I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.*

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
²**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
⁴**Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance. R**
⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**
⁷You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
⁸**I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
⁹What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
¹⁰**Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper." R**
¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: Mark 5:21-43

Glory to You, O Lord!

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

The assembly is seated.

HOMILY

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(ELW p. 888)

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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 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

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with one another and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing, especially David, Elvira, Bobby, Alex, James, Lorain, Pauline, Pastor Tom, Mitch, Shane, Linda, Norma, Laquita, Helen, Linda, Jack, Sadat, Michael, Raymond, Alva, Steve, Evalina, Francis, Ella, Khloe, Kenneth, Charles, Eddie, Pastor Wally, Yvonne, Anyemarie, Mark, Mary Ruth, Kyle, Cody, and Norma, as well as those that we name out loud or in our hearts... Renew all of us and prepare us for glory so that we do not lose heart. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we sow Seeds of Hope, we pray for St. John Lutheran in Westhoff. Guide them to new opportunities and abilities to draw younger people into the congregation. We pray also for St. Peter's

in Elgin that they may have vision, direction, and that God would use them as an instrument of grace in their community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

The assembly stands.

OFFERING HYMN

(ELW p. 186)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Barmherziger Gott, du hast deine Hand weit öffnen und die Notwendigkeit, allen Lebens erfüllen. Sie haben dieses Fest vor uns. Unsere Hände öffnen, um es zu empfangen. Unsere Herzen öffnen, es zu umarmen. Öffnen Sie unser Leben zu leben. Beten wir durch Christus unseren Herrn. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN (ELW p. 543)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY (ELW p. 884)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Welcome!

We have all come to St. Paul's by different paths, and from various walks of life. Through worship, study, prayer and fellowship we each seek to deepen our faith, comfort and encourage one another and dedicate our lives more fully to sharing Christ in our homes, our community and the world. All are welcome at St. Paul's. We are eager to know you, and we invite you to get to know us.

If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance, please signal an usher.

For Prayerful Consideration

Ill or Injured: David Anaba, Elvira Boehm, Bobby Busselman, Alex Caballero, James Castillo, Lorain Chandler, Pauline Davidson, Rev. Tom Dietzel, Mitch Dorn, Shane Edens, Linda Franke, Norma Foreman, Laquita Gibbens, Helen Grimm, Linda Henning, Jack Hockey, Sadat Ibrahim, Michael Janysek, Raymond Jenkins, Alva Jonas, Steve Kelly, Evalina, Francis Kempe, Ella Manka, Khloe Martinez, Kenneth Matthews, Charles Pierce, Eddie Salas, Rev. Wally Schievelbein, Yvonne Watkins, Anyemarie, Mark Witte, Mary Ruth Witte, Kyle Worthy, Cody Zaiantz, and Norma Zamzow.

For those in the military: Nick Adams, Anthony Alvarez, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Jon Wayne Schulz, James Skinner, Chris Sustaita, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva.

Birthday and Anniversary:

Frances Kempe (July 2), Robert & Shelley Gibbens (July 6)

Thank you Randy Witte and Dylan Busselman for filling in this morning as our lay minister and our organist, respectively!



ST. PAUL'S YOUTH WILL BE RETURNING FROM THE 2018 YOUTH GATHERING IN HOUSTON THIS EVENING!

Please keep them in prayer as they travel, and as they share their experiences and ministry with the community.

DATE	WEEKLY BUDGET	WEEKLY GIVING	OVER (UNDER)	YTD BUDGET	YTD GIVING	OVER (UNDER)
6/24/2018	\$ 2,431.87	\$1,059.00	\$ (1,372.87)	\$60,796.75	\$48,012.00	\$ (12,784.75)

