

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

August, 2021

Psalm 91:1-6 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Over the past few months, I have been providing pastoral care to members of our congregation and our community. The broadcast news is filled with news of the world and our community that feels too great a burden for us to carry. Simply put, the truth, the world is a scary place. It feels like the longer Covid-19 lasts, the scarier it gets. It has driven a wedge between us in more than one way. We have seen the rise of a climate crisis (the drought and heat wave) and the natural disasters that go with it. Just this morning, I was reading about the flooding taking place in Germany and throughout Europe. We have seen a rise in international fascist movements. People in Cuba are protesting the tyranny under which they are living. We have experienced unapologetic racism and sexism. We have watched law enforcement being militarized during riots and now being marginalized. Health care issues have been politicized. Add to the mix, a very tenuous economy with rising food prices and inflation ready to launch out of control. Through it all we feel that there is a breakdown of the institutional norms and safeguards we have always counted upon. It seems that danger is waiting around every corner. Just naming all of this is exhausting and can affect the joy that you feel in your day.

We are not necessarily paranoid. The growing crisis in mental health in this country might suggest that we are responding to real events going on around us, in real lives, our lives!

Throughout the whole of Psalm 91 evil is described as an active power in the world that opposes God and all the living. In dealing with this evil, the psalmist recommends that as one who has put your trust in the God who delivers, you speak your faith out loud. But it seems strange in these times to boldly declare that God is "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust" (vs. 2) But saying it re-orientes the situation and re-frames the world of the sufferer by calling to mind his or her true identity. You belong to God. It also reveals the true state of affairs (namely, that you are in the protection of God Almighty). This Psalm is addressed to the faithful person who trusts in God and yet feels the presence of a threatening evil that works overtime, night, day, dark, noontime (vs. 4-5).

How to respond to distress without giving in to fear? We remember to whom we belong. And we remember that the one to whom we belong is in charge of the universe. Try reading this Psalm out loud. Our ancestors in faith knew that saying a thing out loud can actually do something. Speech has the power to change world events and human lives. A word of trust and faith can bring the power of God to a world in need of direction. To boldly announce that one's life and trust is firmly planted in the power and love of God gives power to the struggle against the forces of chaos and death all around. A word of hope and imagination can lead to a possibility that was not there before. In speaking faith aloud, we are offered the courage to face a world that truly does consist of dangers all around. Maybe by saying it out loud someone will hear you and they will be reminded of who is really in charge and be encouraged to take refuge in God.

The world really is a scary place. The vestiges of death and death's power are all around. You choose life and call to your God. The threat of death cannot harm you in the fortress of God's love. In death or in life, you belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God! In the peace of Christ, Pr. Paul <><

Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in August

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

August 1, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1: 17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Movie Night: Breakthrough

Thursday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.

A 14-year-old boy falls through an icy pond and is presumed dead after being without a pulse for 45 minutes. But then his mother prays and his heart starts beating again. *Breakthrough* is based on the real-life miraculous story of Josh Smith and his mother Joyce, a Missouri mom, who believed in the power of prayer. It stars Chrissy Metz (*This Is Us*) as Joyce; Topher Grace (*Spider-Man 3*) as Pastor Jason Noble; and Dennis Haysbert (*24*) as John's doctor. Rated PG for thematic content including peril.

Please pray for those from our congregation and our friends

From Our Congregation:

Sonja Anders Christine Garner
Joyce Jensen Ardis Kelly
Karen McFarland Bob McKinney
John Oien Samantha Prosser
Rosalee Ring Pastor Paul
John Realph

Our Family and Friends:

Vicky Downey (Carol Martinson's friend)
Ray Hutchinson (Janell's friend)
Tricia Dickinson (Carolyn's friend)
Erin Hayen (Jack's daughter)
Becky Riese (Riese's sister-in-law)
Denise Burton (Del's daughter)
Eric Rosin (Jesse's dad, Pastor's brother)
Marie Missell (Joyce's sister-in-law)
Larry Shriver (Patzner's friend)
Mike Hally (Kathy Conlin's brother)
Debbie Slater (McKinney's friend)
Cindy Gonzales (Claudia's niece)
June Huff (friend of All Saints)
Kim Quijano (Sharill Beach's friend)
Darien Bushy (Shannon's friend)

Dora Mueller (Shannon's friend)
Diana Brown (Gigi's friend)
Hatsuko West (Shannon's mother)
Craig Tutura (McMillan's friend)
Gary Erbes (Pastor's cousin)
Mandy Colbaugh (McMillan's friend)
Adam Kamerzell (Pastor's cousin)
Ernie Puls (Arlene's husband)
Lyle Moldrem (Sharill's brother)
Susan Martin (Mindy's mother)
Lee Ann Brewer (Gigi's friend)
Dallas Jensen (Joyce's husband)

Our Service Men and Women:

Austin Applekamp (Scott and Gail's son)
David Boyd (Don & Gigi McMillan's nephew)
Amber Ellison (Jenifer Oien's cousin)
Jeremiah and Joshua Specht (Specht's sons)
William Westcott (Marj's grandson-in-law)
Damon Jenson (Joyce and Ardis' great grandson)

Family and friends in mourning:

Nancy Mills

Miriam Circle

The group reviewed the yard sale and made recommendations for a possible next yard sale. We are thankful for all of the volunteers who helped raise \$2,638.56.

Miriam Circle will meet on September 8. The meeting will be followed by Bible study. Join us as we plan events for 2021 and 2022.

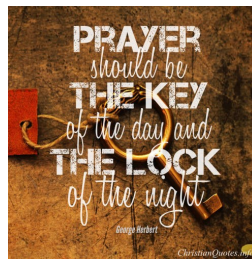
Book Bible Study August 17, 2:00 p.m.

Please join us on the third Tuesday of the month. Sharon Blanchard will lead us in the study of the Gospel of Luke.

p.s. Did you know?? It's been great to see more and more guests and members coming to worship! This has been a challenging last 16 months, but you have shown amazing faith, patience, and resilience! I am so grateful when I hear the words "Pastor – we have run out of bulletins. THANKS be to GOD!!

p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said. . . . ??? "God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars."

Prayer Chain



Claudia Kellogg would like to update the prayer chain. This is a great time to join in. If you would like to receive a call and then call someone else

and pray, please call Claudia at 970-874-9537 or Carolyn Goller at 970-250-9691. Please call either of them by August 15 if you would like to participate in this opportunity to keep our church family connected.

AUGUST SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	1 Communion	8	15 Communion	22	29
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
Liturgy Assistant	Don Ranta	Diane Haupt	Marj Seely	Brandy Wood	Veronica Schroeder
Communion Assistant	Don Ranta		Marj Seely		
Communion Bread	Elinor/Marj		Elinor/Marj		
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don	Don
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
Altar Guild	Shannon		Sharon		
Readers	Elaine Heinz	Marj Seely	Michelle Specht	Joel Magnuson	Janell Riese
Acolytes	Jordyn	Amber	Robert	Jordyn	Amber
Ushers	Bret	Lloyd	Niles	Don	
Greeters	Michelle	Marilyn	Janell	Linda	
Stewards	Lloyd/ Glenn	Sharon/ Michelle	Erich/Don Mc	Don R/ Thad	Erich/ Glenn
Fellowship		Outreach			

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All Saints Special Occasions for August

Birthdays: 8/4 Linda Ranta 8/16 Mark Reeve 8/22 Jordyn Huff
8/27 Wilma Reeve

Baptismal Days: 8/6 Tucker Johnson 8/28 Elaine Sell

Anniversaries: 8/11/1963 Claudia and Kelly Kellogg 8/12 Marian and Gordon Thomas
8/27/1949 Joyce and Dallas Jenson



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Marj Seely, Worship Chair and Financial Secretary
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Finance Committee: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Executive Committee

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Fellowship, Janell Riese
Readers, Olinda Patzer
Ushers and Greeters: Niles Riese and Bret Specht
Altar Guild: Alice Spika and Shannon Fritchman
Prayer Chain: Claudia Kellogg

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in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care.**

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