

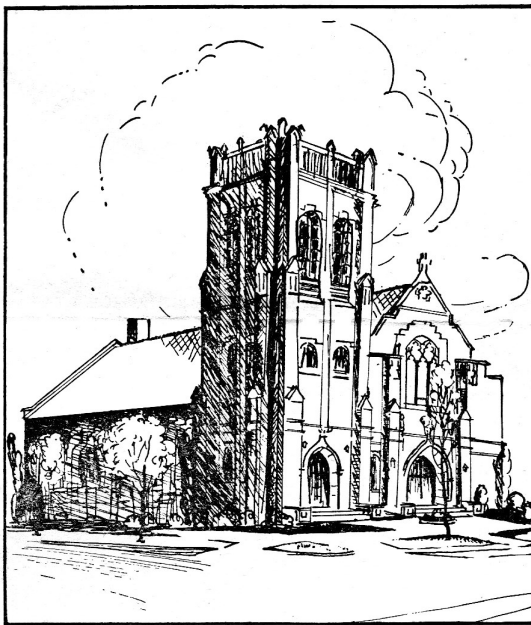
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Sermon: "The Story of Your Life" Text: Luke 17:11-19



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

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Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Jami Langholdt

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER We know a lot about some of the people in today's Readings. We could write a typical biography of Ruth, for example, because we know her family's names and even that she was an ancestor of Jesus. Last week we learned that Timothy, the addressee of today's Epistle, had a Christian mother and grandmother, and is now a young pastor. But all that we know about the leper who thanked Jesus in today's Gospel is that he was a Samaritan. Yet that is sufficient, for only through his faith in our Lord was he truly saved, not from leprosy only, but from his sins and his sinfulness. He was ready to live in thanks and praise of his Savior and ours. What's the story of your life? We were dead in sins but now are alive in Christ Jesus. May God strengthen you to share His love as the story of your life continues to unfold.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 51:15, 17; 70:1*

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C: O LORD, make haste to help me!

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C: a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Opening Song

"Here I Am To Worship"

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to
me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor

(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)
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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson

Ruth 1:1–19a

(Widowed Ruth stays with Naomi and moves to Bethlehem with her.)

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?" ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 2:1–13

(Paul encourages Timothy to be a good soldier for Christ.)

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19 (Only one leper thanks Jesus for his healing.)

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he

saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Confession and Absolution

P: Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

C: **Gracious God, You have known us before we were born, and since coming to faith we have known Your amazing grace. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. As surely as Jesus was born with Moabite Ruth in His human family tree, as certainly as the Samaritan leper was saved through his faith, and as confidently as Paul assured Timothy of "the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory," I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

There's a day that drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;

No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

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I will rise when He calls my name;

No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;

Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise, I will rise.

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The Word "The Story of Your Life" Text: Luke 17:11–19

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Psalm 100:4—Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Offertory "Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me
And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ----, I'm lost without you, (repeat)

And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ---, I'm lost without you
I'm lost without you I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you
This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe

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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Days Of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Chorus: Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the

Lord.” (chorus)

There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah,
There's no god like Jehovah, There's no god like Jehovah (repeat 3 times)

(Chorus 2 times)

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

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