

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

Day of Pentecost + Sunday, May 19, 2024



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with

this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world. We worship this morning using some of the many languages spoken by the people God has gathered as the St. Paul's community, English, Tamil, Telugu, German, Korean and Mandarin.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

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 SONG (Telugu)

Raaja Nee Sannidhilo Ne Untanayya
Manasara Aradhistu Bratikestanayya (2)

Kolpoyinavanni Naaku Icchutakunoo
Badhala Nundi Bratikinchutakunoo (2)

Ne Nundalenayya Ne Bratukalenayya (2)

Neeve Raakapote Nenemai Puduno (2)

Neeve Lekunda Ne Nundalenayya
Nee Tode Lekunda Ne Bratukalenayya

Ne Nundalenayya Ne Bratukalenayya (2)

Raaja Nee Sannidhilo Ne Untanayya
Manasara Aradhistu Bratikestanayya

Neeve Lekunda Ne Nundalenayya
Nee Tode Lekunda Ne Bratukalenayya

Nee Sannidhanamulo Sampurna Santosham
Aradinchukone Viluvaina Avakasam (2)

Raaja Nee Sannidhilo Ne Untanayya
Manasara Aradhistu Bratikestanayya (2)

GREETING (Tamil)

கர்த்தராகிய இயேசுகிறிஸ்துவின்னுடைய கிருபையும், தேவனுடைய அன்பும், பரிசுத்த ஆவியின்னுடைய ஐக்கியமும்,
உங்கள் அனைவரோடுங்கூட இருப்பதாக

உம்மோடும் கூட இருப்பதாக

kartaragia yesugiristhuvinudaiya kirubaiyum, devanudaiya anbum, parisuththa aaviyinudaiya
aikkiyamum, ungal anaivarodungooda iruppadhaaga

ummodum kooda iruppadhaaga

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Telugu)

Memu Prardhisthamu.

Sarvashakthimanthudina deva neevu nee sathyaniki jeevam posi prapanchaniki sathyanni andhachesthunaavu. Ee nee aathmanu maaku pampandi. Mee sathyam dhwaara mammalni maarchandi. Ippudu mariyu eppatiki meetho mariyu parishudhaathma tho nivasinche mariyu paripaalinche ma rakshakudavu, prabhuvu ayina yesu kreesthu dhwara suvaartha prakatinchadaniki maaku baasha ivvandi.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your

gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21 (German, English, Tamil, Telugu, Mandarin)

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

- ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (German + Mandarin)

- ²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**
²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**
³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.
^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27 (Tamil)

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

22. ஆகையால் நமக்குத் தெரிந்திருக்கிறபடி, இதுவரைக்கும் சர்வ சிருஷ்டியும் ஏகமாய்த் தவித்துப் பிரசவவேதனைப்படுகிறது.

23. அதுவுமல்லாமல், ஆவியின் முதற்பலன்களைப் பெற்ற நாமுங்கூட நம்முடைய சரீர மீட்பாகிய புத்திரசவிகாரம் வருகிறதற்குக் காத்திருந்து, நமக்குள்ளே தவிக்கிறோம்.

24. அந்த நம்பிக்கையினாலே நாம் இரட்சிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறோம். காணப்படுகிறதை நம்புகிறது நம்பிக்கையல்ல; ஒருவன் தான் காண்கிறதை நம்பவேண்டுமென?

25. நாம் காணாததை நம்பினோமாகில், அது வருகிறதற்குப் பொறுமையோடே காத்திருப்போம்.

26. அந்தப்படியே ஆவியானவரும் நமது பலவீனங்களில் நமக்கு உதவிசெய்கிறார். நாம் ஏற்றபடி வேண்டிக்கொள்ளவேண்டியதின்தென்று அறியாமலிருக்கிறபடியால், ஆவியானவர்தாமே வாக்குக்கடங்காத பெருமூச்சுகளோடு நமக்காக வேண்டுதல்செய்கிறார்.

27. ஆவியானவர் தேவனுடைய சித்தத்தின்படியே பரிசுத்தவான்களுக்காக வேண்டுதல் செய்கிறபடியால், இருதயங்களை ஆராய்ந்துபார்க்கிறவர் ஆவியின் சிந்தை இன்னதென்று அறிவார்.

22. aagaiyaal namakku therinthirukkirapadi, idhuvaraikkum sarva sirushtiyum egamaith thavithu prasavavethana. 23. adhuvumallaamal, aaviyin mutharपालangalai petra naamungooda nammudaiya sarira meatboggia puthirasuvikaram varugiratharkku kaathirundhu, namakkulle thavikkirom. 24. andha nambikkaiyinaale naam iratchikkappattirukirom. kaanapadugirathai nambukirathu nambikayalla; oruvan than kaangirathai nambavenduvathenna? 25. naam kaanathathai nambinomakil, athu varugiratharku porumaiyode kaathiruppen. 26. andhappadiye aaviyaanavarum namadhu palaveenangalil namakku uthaviseigiraar. naam yetrapadi vendikollavendiyathinnadhendru ariyaamalirapadiyaalh, aaviyaanavarthaame vaakkukadangaatha perumoochugalodu namakkaaga venduthalseigiraar. 27. aaviyaanavar devanudaiya siththaththinpadiye parisuthavangalukka venduthal seikirapadiyaal, irudhayangalai araindubarkiravara aaviyin sindhai innadhendru arivaar.

A reading from Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we

were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when

he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:
⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going
to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this
world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the
Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his
own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to
come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All
that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and
declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Spirit of the Living God – Tamil, English*)

20. ஜீவனுள்ள தேவனின்

ஆவியே வாரும்

ஜீவனுள்ள தேவனின் ஆவியே வாரும்

நொறுக்கும், உறுக்கும்,

உருவாக்கி நிரப்பும்

ஜீவனுள்ள தேவனின் ஆவியே வாரும்

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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 INTERCESSION (*English, Tamil, Telugu, German, Mandarin*)

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel.

Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit: for those living with chronic disease, for struggling with mental illness, for those who grieve, and for all in need of your peace and healing, especially those whose names we speak now, out loud, in our hearts, or by listing online. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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

We give our offerings in praise and thanksgiving for all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ and for the sake of Jesus' ongoing mission and ministry in this world. We have been entrusted to carry out this mission Jesus' name, bringing the good news of Jesus to the people of this community and around the world. Please, take a minute of your time to make an electronic gift through the St. Paul's Website www.stpauls-edison.org/online-giving.html. Please consider making this gift a recurring gift, and look for ways to grow in your giving for the sake of Christ's mission through this congregation. You may also mail your offering to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 445 Old Post Rd., Edison NJ 08817.

OFFERING SONG *We Are An Offering* (ELW 692)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives,
they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. We are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER (*Korean*)

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

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.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with various note values and rests.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Sunday School, American Sign Language*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Telugu*)

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

O deva maa praanam, maa balam, maa aaharam , nee kumaaruni shariram mariyu raktham tho mamalni poshinchinandhuku memu meeku dhanyavaadhulu theliyachesthunam. nee parishudhaatma dhwaara mana rakshakudu mariyu mana prabhuvina yesu kreesthu dhwaara mee bhoomi ni mariyu dhaaniloni aneka prajalanu memu marantha ekkuvaga sthuthisthamu mariyu seva chesthamu thadhvara prapanchamlo athani shareeranga undataaniki mamalni uttheja parachandi.

Amen

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALKING AT MENLO MALL (OR ROOSEVELT PARK). Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Call your friends and put on your walking shoes and meet at the entrance to Nordstrom under the cover of the parking garage and enjoy fellowship and walk around the park.

SENIOR LUNCHEON. Tuesday, May 21, at 11:30 a.m. Bring a light lunch and come gather and abide with friends. It's a great way to invite your neighbors to come and see what God's doing at St. Paul's and always a way God refreshes our souls. Drinks, sweets and sides provided.

BIBLE STUDY.

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. We gather in the lounge on Wednesdays for fellowship and discussion around God's Word. In the Easter Season we will read and discuss the First John. This book will be read as the second reading in worship each week.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. This study meets on Zoom. See your virtual bulletin for the link to join this study from any place.

IT'S TIME TO REFRESH THE WEB SITE. Sunday, May 26, after Worship. Our Web is need of a refresh to better express what God is doing in St. Paul's at this time. This includes developing a strategy to use all kinds of electronic means to share the good news about Jesus and invite people into the fellowship we share here at St. Paul's ... no matter where they are in the world. If you have ideas, skills, and commitment to help us take our online and social media presence to the next level, talk to Pastor Jim and plan on attending a meeting after worship, May 26.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS. Sunday, May 26, after worship (11:30 a.m.). If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS this summer, please plan to attend a volunteers meeting on May 26 to start getting ready for VBS.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING. Thursday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. It's time to plan for an exciting summer of worship at St. Paul's. All serving as assisting ministers, lectors, or musicians — or those who would like to serve in those roles — are encouraged to attend and share their ideas for creating faithful and engaging worship services for all.

ST. PAUL'S PICNIC. Sunday, June 9, at 11:30 a.m. Invite your friends and family to join you for worship and stay for food, fellowship and games at our church picnic. RSVP by using the sign up sheet in the lounge or by calling the church office at (732) 287-0888.

MAKE PLANS FOR VBS. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CAMP FIRELIGHT

"When I am Afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

- Friday evening, June 28, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday evening, June 29, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 30, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Camp Firelight St. Paul's Takeover! VBS for All of Us!

You'll want your neighbors to come and be part of this amazing adventure in learning and discipleship at the beginning of our summer!

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Children Age 3 through 6th grade can sign up for Vacation Bible school using the form link in the Virtual Bulletin or at the Camp Firelight Tree in the lounge.

VOLUNTEER TO SPARK THE EXCITEMENT! If you would like to use your unique abilities (and you have lots) to help make VBS a memorable experience for our children ... see Erin or Pastor Jim or use the sign up form in the Virtual Bulletin.

DONATE S'MORE STUFF AND ENJOY THE FUN! Between now and the end of June you can purchase and donate all the stuff that goes into making great S'MORES ... Graham Crackers, Chocolate (of all kinds), Marshmallows (of all kinds), sticks, and more! Leave your donations at the Camp Firelight Tree in the lounge.

DAILY PRAYER. Daily prayer is one of the means the Holy Spirit uses to keep us in faith. Here are two ways to make daily prayer part of your life: a daily service of morning prayer and a daily service of night prayer.

Morning Prayer: Start each day (Monday through Saturday) with a brief service of Morning Prayer. This service is available as an audio file on the [St. Paul's Website](#) and the St. Paul's Facebook each morning. You can listen and pray along from your home or take it with you as you exercise or commute.

Night Prayer: End your day in prayer and fellowship. This ongoing prayer group meets **on Zoom each night at 9:00 p.m.** to share what has been happening in their day, to let go of each day's trouble and to participate in a brief service of night prayer. Zoom log info: Meeting ID = 401 244 599 + Password: 042662

BLESSING (*Tamil, Telugu, German, Mandarin, Korean, English*)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Every time I feel the Spirit* (ACS 942)

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Up - on the moun - tain | my Lord spoke, |
| 2 . . All a - round me | looked so fine, |
| 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, | chilly and cold, |

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

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|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| asked | my Lord | if all was | mine. |
| chills the | bod - y | but not the | soul. |

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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