

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."
¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."
²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Psalm 50:7-15

⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.
⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.** ⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens; ¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.** ¹¹I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine. ¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.** ¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. ¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me. In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Judi Masuda; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jess Torres; Karen Suarez; Bjorn Landberg; Linda Wilson; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Aki Fukui; Lilly Fukui; Ray Chavira; Dr. Paul Hanashiro; Pastor David Berkedal & Rev. Sally Welch; Pastor John Santoro & Linda Santoro; Grace Lin; Susan & Gene Ramirez; Millie Powell; Ron Sahara and his family; Moises Alvarado for the safe return of his dog, Charlie; Renate Kurrle; Erika Sandfeld; Meher Montessori School; for churches, may our hearts and doors remain open for those who wish to share the Good News; for our country, our military and first responders; watch over those who are affected by the war in Ukraine; for those struggling with anxiety & mental illness; for all affected by gun violence; for those facing persecution for their identities and beliefs.

Next: Third Sunday After Pentecost:

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Second Sunday after Pentecost June 11, 2023

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am

Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship.

Any questions? Please ask.

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

News and Needs

- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience.
- **Coffee Hour & Fellowship will be held in the lounge following today's service.** To get to the lounge from the sanctuary, please exit the glass doors at the back, go through the glass doors on the right and straight ahead to the open door of the lounge. Today's refreshments are provided by Lilly Fukui.
- **Meher Graduations will be held in our sanctuary next week** on Tuesday June 13th and Wednesday June 14th. Congratulations to the class of 2023!
- **The Sierra Mar BPW** will be having their June Training and Dessert Auction in St. Paul's lounge on Saturday, June 17th starting at 9am.
- **The Langley Senior Center** will be hosting a seminar from the Han Research Lab at the Keck School of Medicine-USC on Tuesday, June 20th from noon-1pm. The program will be focused on dispelling myths about brain health in older age.
- **American Legion Post 397 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner** on Friday, June 23rd from 6-8pm. Tickets are \$10 each and include salad, garlic bread, and dessert in addition to the pasta. You must rsvp by June 18th by texting (213) 292-7609.
- **Movies in the Park:** "Lightyear" will be shown at Barnes Park on Thursday June 22nd at dusk. Bring your blankets and beach chairs to get comfortable as you watch these family-favorites on our giant screen.
- **Coffee with a Cop:** Meet Monterey Park's finest and ask any questions or share any concerns on June 27th from 10am-12pm at Starbucks. The address is 2100 S. Atlantic Blvd. Monterey Park, CA 91754.

FIRST READING: HOSEA 5:15--6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:14}"Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Today's Worship:** Due to the sad news about Pr. John Santoro and since we were not able to get another supply pastor for this Sunday, Pr. David Lin (Trinity Faith) has agreed to celebrate communion with us today. Jean Sais will lead the service and Jo Anne Mitchell will be our reader. Thankfully, we have confirmed pulpit supply for June 18th through the end of August. We are blessed to be a congregation with so many helping hands. Thanks!