

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. ²As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. ³But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD— be exultant before him. ⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. ⁶God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. ⁷O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah* ⁸the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. ⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; ¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, *Selah* ³³O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. ³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. ³⁵Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

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; The Guevara Family; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jess Torres; Bjorn Landberg; Linda Wilson; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Aki Fukui; Lilly Fukui; Ray Chavira; Pastor David Berkedal & Rev. Sally Welch; Susan & Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Renee McCormick; Ron Sahara and his family; Moises Alvarado for the safe return of his dog, Charlie; Renate Kurrel & family; Glen Ambra; Gabrielle Zimmerman; Marion Mercer; 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 being persecuted for being who they are.

Next Week: Day of Pentecost: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39
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Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 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.

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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.
- **We welcome back Pastor John Santoro** as he presides over our Sunday Service this week.
- **Next week is the Day of Pentecost and we will be welcoming Pr. Richard Schieber!** We encourage you to wear **red** next Sunday in commemoration of Pentecost.
- **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 The Cortez family.
- **Just a reminder!** American Legion Post 397 is having their annual Memorial Day Event and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday May 29th at 10am. Please contact Elizabeth as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer for the day or if you would like to bring damaged or worn flags for the retirement ceremony. For all other questions, please contact Karen Suarez at the post directly.
- **Life in the Past Lane:** "Museums of the Arroyo Day" returns, noon to 5 p.m. May 21. MOTA is the one day that five museums in Los Angeles and Pasadena open their doors to show off great architecture, historical discoveries, family fun and entertainment. Free shuttles will connect the museums: Gamble House; Heritage Square; Los Angeles Police Museum; Lummis Home and Garden; Pasadena Museum of History. The best plan would be to pick no more than three museums to visit.
- **On Saturday, July 15, 202 Enjoy a night of Disco Hits in concert at the Hollywood Bowl!** This is a "Celebration" you don't want to miss with classic songs and live performances by Kool & The Gang and The Village People. For only \$55, you will receive a ticket to the event, a pre-trip reception at Langley Center, and bus transportation to the venue! Space is limited. Hurry and Visit www.Montereypark.ca.gov/HollywoodBowl to secure your ticket!

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5,6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Congratulations Zeke Cortez! This Wednesday, Zeke will be finishing his K-8 experience at Brightwood and is looking forward to attending Mark Keppel High School in the fall. We have watched you grow up in the faith and are so very proud of the wonderful young man you have become! We are very excited for you to take this next step in life and continue in your endeavors to a bright future.