



July 11, 2021

**Seventh Sunday after  
Pentecost**

At Home Devotions  
St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church  
Closter, New Jersey

## OPENING HYMN

## AS THE DEER

**As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.**

**You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.**

***Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield;***

***to You alone may my spirit yield.***

***You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.***

**You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a King.**

**I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. Refrain**

**I want you more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.**

**You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. Refrain**

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

## I Love to Tell the Story

**1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else could do. Refrain.**

***Refrain: I love to tell the story; T'will be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.***

**2. I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet,  
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard  
The message of salvation From God's own Holy Word. Refrain.**

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**3. I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in themes of glory I sing the new, new, song  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. Refrain**

***Refrain: I love to tell the story; T'will be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.***

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We remember our nation and many nations, as terrorism remains a threat, and service in Afghanistan continues to be a danger. We pray for the safety of both soldiers and civilians in Afghanistan, and around the world. We pray for peace in the Mideast. We pray for God's help and protection for persecuted Christians throughout the world. We pray for victims of natural disasters throughout the world. We pray for victims of violence (and their loved ones) around the world. We pray for our nation and world as we continue in care in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We pray for our church leaders and their loved ones, and our sister churches and their outreach: Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President; Rev. Dr. Tony Steinbronn, our District President; our newly elected District President, Rev. Stephen Gewecke, and the African Immigrant congregations and missions. We pray for Rev. Dan Fenco and the Camino De Fe mission, Rev. Matt and Nyssa Lytikainen and Mile Square Church in Hoboken, Rev. Matthew Hass (pastor of Village Lutheran Church in Lanoka Harbor, NJ), and Naomi Vogt (serving as a teacher in Shanghai). We pray for Rev. Bob and Kristi Roegner, missionaries in Israel. We pray for the Comfort Dog Ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Old Bridge. We pray for Lutheran Hour Ministries. We pray for St. Paul's families. We pray for St. Paul's youth and their parents. We pray for St. Paul's Sunday School. We pray for St. Paul's Bible Studies. We pray for those suffering from addiction.

We pray for those serving in the military: Capt. John Beddoe, Capt. Mark Buckman, Maj. Jake Butz, Cmdr. Jeff Dermody, Brian Grotz, Rolly Jarmin, Capt. Timothy Kuppler, Cmdr. Jeffrey Morin, T. Sgt. Ruth Presto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Matthew Rojas, Laura Scott, Capt. Rance Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John Trainor, Lt. David West and Shane Wojnar, serving with the Armed Forces (and all who serve in the Armed Forces).

We pray for our college and graduate students: Arianna Cavalli, Valerie Costeniuc, Sam del Corral, Lauren Graesser, Megan Hamlett, Alison Keil, Casey and Courtney Luikert, Giulia Nicolai, Brianna Ross, Emily Sposa, and James Steindl.

We pray for help, healing and God's loving care in the lives of our loved ones: Ron Cavalli, Bette Eifert, Jenna Forbes, Janet Holsten, Christopher Huss, June Kuhn, Lois Lake, Doris Lange, Pastor Ed Lazarchak, Fran Lelkendey, Ruth McReynolds, Michael Pierro, George Ross, Gloria Rubner, Richard Ruhl, Irma Schmuck, and Anna Zulli

## NEWS AND NOTICES

**ST. PAUL'S MISSION OF THE MONTH** is Lutheran Social Ministries.

**ST. PAUL'S SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTION** was held on May 11, 2021. There are still a few vacancies. People are needed to assist in Social Action/Christian Fellowship. And help is needed in Christian Education—especially as we look forward to opening up our Sunday School programs in the Fall. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you might serve.

**THE 2021 FLOWER CHART** is in the Narthex. You can sign up there or complete the form and mail it back to St. Paul's or email Lisa Bujas, Altar Guild, ([LBujas@aol.com](mailto:LBujas@aol.com)) to order online. Be sure to specify date and dedication.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, July 11            10:00 AM – Worship Service  
                                     10:15 AM – Online Devotions

Tuesday, July 13            8:00 PM – Al Anon