



August 15, 2021

**Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost**

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

**1. O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright:
This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
The triune God confess.**

**2. This day at earth's creation
The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious
The Spirit send from heav'n
And thus this day most glorious
A three-fold light was giv'n.**

**3. This day, God's people meeting,
His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting,
Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing,
Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving
On this blest day of light.**

**4. That light our hope sustaining
We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining
Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To Thee, blest Three in One.**

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.**

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus. (*Refrain*)

***Refrain:* In Him there is no darkness at all.**

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father. (*Refrain*)

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ,

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

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, 2nd Lt. Matthew Rojas, Laura Scott, Capt. Rance Thompson, 2nd 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, George Ross, Gloria Rubner, Richard Ruhl, Irma Schmuck, Cathy Verdino and Anna Zulli

NEWS AND NOTICES

ST. PAUL’S MISSION OF THE MONTH is The New Jersey District.

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) to order online. Be sure to specify date and dedication.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

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| Sunday, August 15 | 10:00 AM – Communion Service |
| | 10:15 AM – Online Devotions |
| | 11:30 AM -- Baptism of Brynne Zabelle Parsells |
| Tuesday, August 17 | 8:00 PM – Al Anon |
| Wednesday, August 18 | 1:00 PM -- Bible Study at Ann Cavalli’s house |