Taízé Prayer

Come, Spirit of Peace

Wednesday, June 25, 2025



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Call to Worship: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

ALL:

And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.



The Word Speaks: Galatians 5:1, 13-15, 22-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

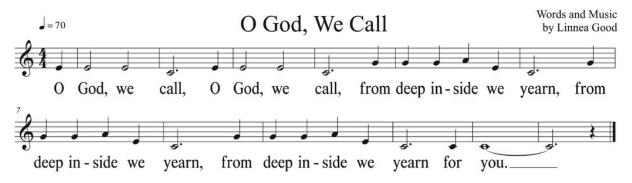
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.²⁶

A SERVICE OF LIGHT:

Scripture speaks of the Holy Spirit coming like tongues of fire.

You are invited to come forward, a few at a time, to light a candle and place it in the sand as you offer your own prayer.

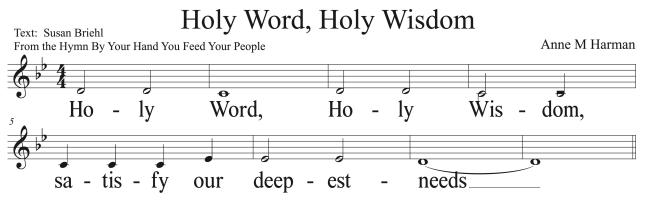
You may stay for a while before the altar and pray standing, sitting, or kneeling. There is no need to form a line as the music will continue for a while until all have had time to come forward and pray.



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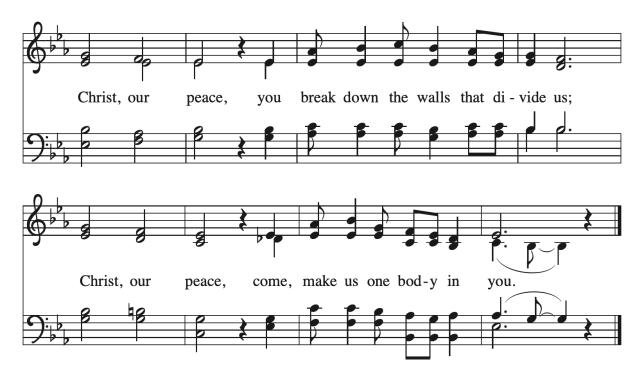


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Christ, Our Peace



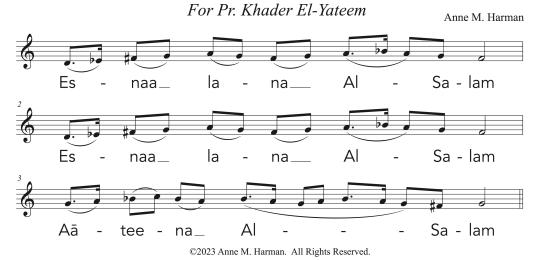
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Deep Peace



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Give Us Your Peace. Make Us Your Peace



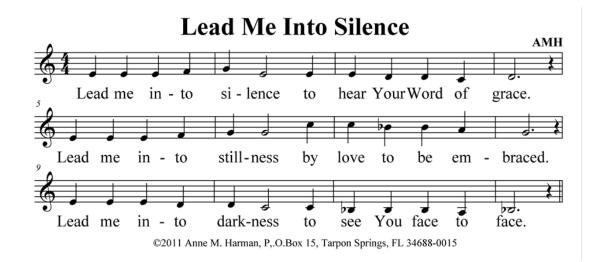
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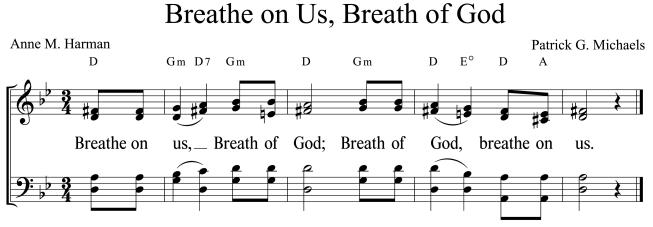
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A Time of Silence

Allow yourself to sink into silence, and rest in God's presence. We will share 10-15 minutes of silence. Try to refrain from moving unnecessarily, rustling papers, or distracting those around you.

Intercessions:





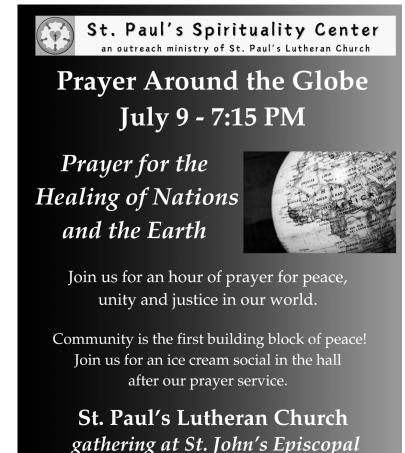
Lord's Prayer, Closing Prayer and Blessing of the Night....

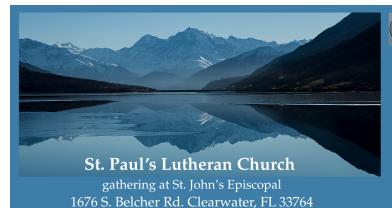
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength now and always.

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with us, and be our guide leading us towards peace. And may God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life bless us and be with each of us this night. Amen.

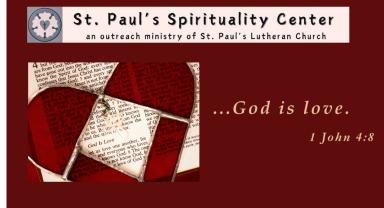
Go in peace. Thanks be to God.





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Taízé Prayer Be Still and Know Wednesday, July 23 7:15 PM



Taízé Prayer "O Tremendous Love" Wednesday, August 13 - 7:15 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church 1676 S. Belcher Rd. Clearwater, FL 33764



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Service of Healing & Holy Communion Wednesday, August 27 - 7:15 PM

We all have a need for healing.

What keeps you from asking God for healing? What would healing look like? Feel like?

During our service we will have a time for anointing and individual prayer for healing.

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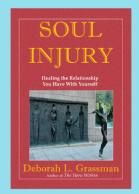


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Soul Injury ® Workshop Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Provided by: Opus Peace Non-Profit Organization Sponsored by: St. Petersburg College





A Soul Injury is a wound that separates you from your real self. Your "real self" not only includes the "best version" of yourself; it includes the worst version and everything in-between.

Soul Injury is caused by:

- Unmourned loss and hurt
- Unforgiven guilt and shame
- Fear of helplessness and loss of control

This experiential workshop provides you with presentations and tools to help you move from:

- Being ashamed of not being good enough to releasing fears of who you are and who are your not.
- Numbing your pain to mourning your emotional pain.
- Hiding your guilt to using your guilt to learn how to forgive yourself and others.
- Controlling things you have no control over, to letting yourself feel your helplessness and loss of control.

This is a free event. Lunch will be provided Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church 1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33764

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY Registration information will be available soon! 6CE's for Nurses and Counselors



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In the name of Christ, it is our privilege to welcome you to St. Paul's Spirituality Center. As we gather this evening, We would like to offer hospitality, introduce you to our congregation and our Spirituality Center, give a little background about Taizé Prayer and what to expect in worship this evening. If you are here for the first time, our restrooms are in the breezeway just outside the main doors of the church.

About Taizé Prayer The Taizé style of sung prayer mirrors other forms of meditative or contemplative prayer. The gentle repetition of a single thought, in this case, expressed in music, allows us to hear God's voice in the text. The text melts away creating an interior silence for an encounter with God. The music holds the time and space for prayer. Each piece of music has a simple thought that invites the participant to bring their own story, their own needs, to this time of prayer.

How To Participate First, as you gather you might want to simply review your day. Notice what still has your attention and anything that is a distraction to being present to this time of prayer. You might place these distractions at the foot of the altar or the doors of the church. But also notice things beyond your to-do list that are taking space in your heart. What are your needs and concerns, what do you desire most at this moment in your life? What needs to be celebrated, discerned, or even let go of? Bring these things to God tonight!

Singing and Prayer before our Icons The short repetitive sung mantras are gateways to prayer. The music is gentle and quiet. You are encouraged to sing or even hum as it serves your prayer, but no one should feel a need to lead the singing or encourage others to sing. All should blend into gentle, contemplative prayer. After the scripture reading for the evening, as music continues, you are invited to come forward and light a candle before one of the icons in the room. There will be time for all to move slowly and prayerfully. There is no need to form a line. The music will continue until all have had ample time to participate and pray.

Silence After our time of prayer and candle lighting, we will share profound silence. You can expect that to be 10 - 15 minutes long. The musicians are the timekeepers, so your only role is to sink into the silence and allow God to speak. It is helpful if all of us do our part to minimize distractions. Please put your programs aside and again be sure your cell phones are off and avoid any distracting movement.



Offering We leave a basket at the back of the church for an offering. Your presence and prayer are the most important gifts you bring to our community. However, your contributions support the Spirituality Center and our Taizé and Retreat ministries. Our congregation uses an online giving service and with this QR code you can create an online account and make a donation towards our Taizé Ministry. If you use the app and it asks for an "Invite Code" it is MW9599. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's

Lutheran Church. Thank you.

St. Paul's Spirituality Center is an outreach of our congregation. The first call of any church is to bring people to Christ and form them to be disciples. The Spirituality Center, still in its infancy, desires to be a space and place where people are invited to explore their relationship with God. We invite people to prayer, to learn to talk to God and surrender to God's presence and action in their lives. The heart of this ministry is our Wednesday Contemplative Prayer Services. We also currently offer retreats, classes, and a grief support group. If this ministry is meaningful to you, reach out to Pr. Anne for ways you can be more involved. The Spirituality Center is intended to be a resource for the wider community. We hope to support other congregations in their journey to form disciples. We hope to reach those who, for whatever reason, don't have a church home. And we are intentional about being a place of healing for those who have been wounded by the church.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Gathering at St. John's Episcopal 1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation, embodies God's love, and promise of salvation through faith in Christ by extending inclusion and welcome to all.

We welcome the full, active participation of all who worship and minister with us. If you are interested in learning more about Jesus, God's life and action in the world and our lives, the Lutheran faith, or this congregation and how you can be more involved, please reach out to Pastor Anne.

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If you would like to be on the email distribution list for the Spirituality Center, please fill out one of the information cards in the basket at the welcome table at the back of the church this evening or send Pastor Anne an email at pastoranneharman@gmail.com





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