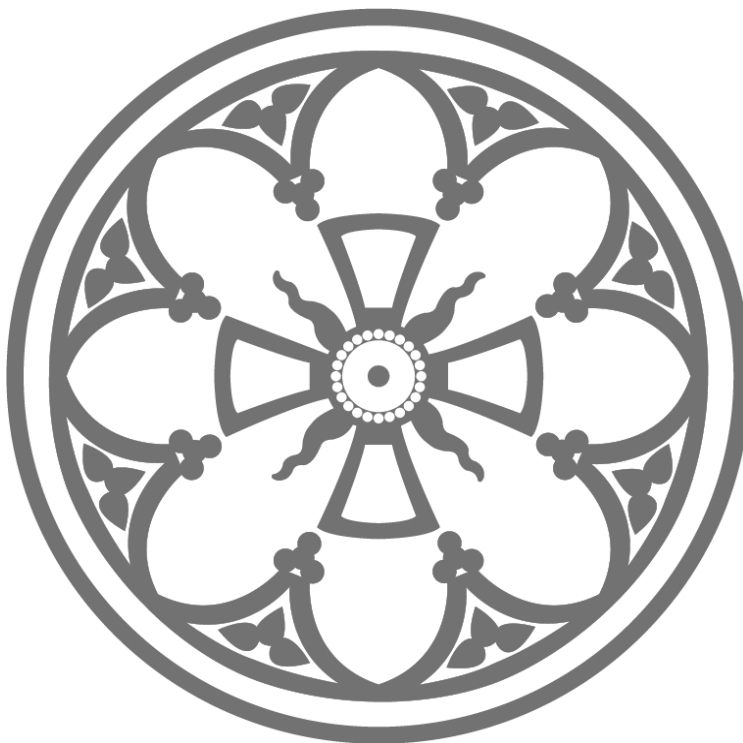




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 22

OCTOBER 4, 2026

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

During Ordinary Time, we gather as the people of God, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. Christ's presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament, and in us, as members of Christ's Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

This morning, we welcome the Handbell Choir as they offer their musical gifts to the glory of God and to inspire and nourish us all. We are especially thankful to the several new members of the choir and would always be glad to welcome others. For more information about joining, please contact John Sherer at jsherer@stpaulsec.org. We are also grateful to Peter Dubois for conducting this morning, as John is in Springfield, IL, performing an organ recital.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERINGS

Childcare is available every Sunday at 10:00.

Sunday School for children in PK-5th grade upstairs from the Parish Hall at 10:00.

Adult Forum and Adult Formation meet each week at 9:00 in the Vestry and Cadigan Rooms.

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Jim Dorr, Tom Holiday (8:00)

Louise Moore, Kevin Frisch, Joan Flint (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Dewart (8:00)

Andrew Ferrante, Cynthia Miller, Nancy Andrus (10:15)

Altar Guild: Andrew Ferrante, Judy McGrath, Lindsay Korth, Linda White

Ushers: Abuk Mabut, Lila Kennedy, Stan Refermat, Ingrid Stanlis (10:15)

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother (10:15)

Sexton: Bob Potter

Cover illustration by Sonja Slother

*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.
After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY Allegro from Sonata in C Major Muzio Clementi
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 556 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Marion

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*spoken at 8:00, see pew card at 10:15*) John W.W. Sherer

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Merciful Lord, grant us pardon and peace. Cleanse us from our sins that we may serve you untroubled in conscience. This we ask Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

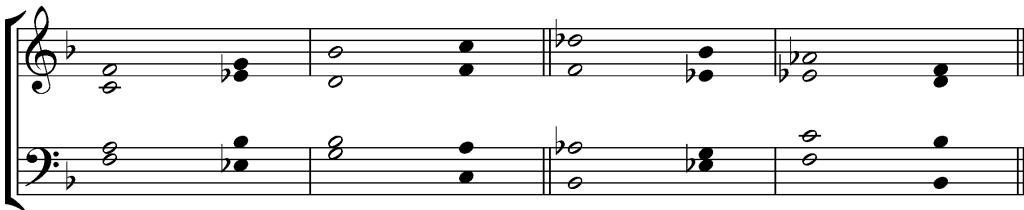
Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:7-14 (*Said at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

Chant: Harrison



- 7 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of / Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and / planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for / it; *
it took root and filled the / land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its / shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its / boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the / sea *
and its branches to the / river.

- 12 Why have you broken down its / wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its / grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has / ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed u-/pon it.
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this / vine; *
preserve what your right hand has / planted.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ HYMN 518 (*stz 1 & 2*) Christ is Made the Sure Foundation *Westminster Abbey*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:33-46*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest

time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

✠ NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and

was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Kara our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, praying especially for...

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

✠ SAID AT 8:00 All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let the Bright Seraphim Deodatus Dutton
*Let the bright Seraphim in burning row, their loud angel trumpets blow; and the cherubic
host in thousand choirs, strike their immortal harps of golden wires.*

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 376 (*stz. 3, sung by all*) *Hymn to Joy*
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider adds a proper preface, concluding...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *(see pew card)*

John W.W. Sherer

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

✠ **AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY Voluntary in E Minor

John Stanley
arr. Hal H. Hopson

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ THE BLESSING

✠ HYMN 7 Christ, whose Glory Fills the Sky *Ratisbon*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

The children and Deacon dismiss the people, saying,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY We All Believe in One God Johann Sebastian Bach

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and
the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Hammondspoint

Margi Moore, Tara, Bob, Sarah Wilson, Brendan Pessimone, Beverly Brooks,
Walter Rohlin, Maryann Plaia, Adele, Frank Holiday, Peter Merrill, Jack
Worboys, Abby, Chris, Mallory, Mary Jane Thomas, Claudius Scott, Mara
Hazzard-Wallingford, Lois, Donna Grear, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith,
and Bill Dewart.

Those who have died.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your Church, St. Paul's,
and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we
may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our
ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

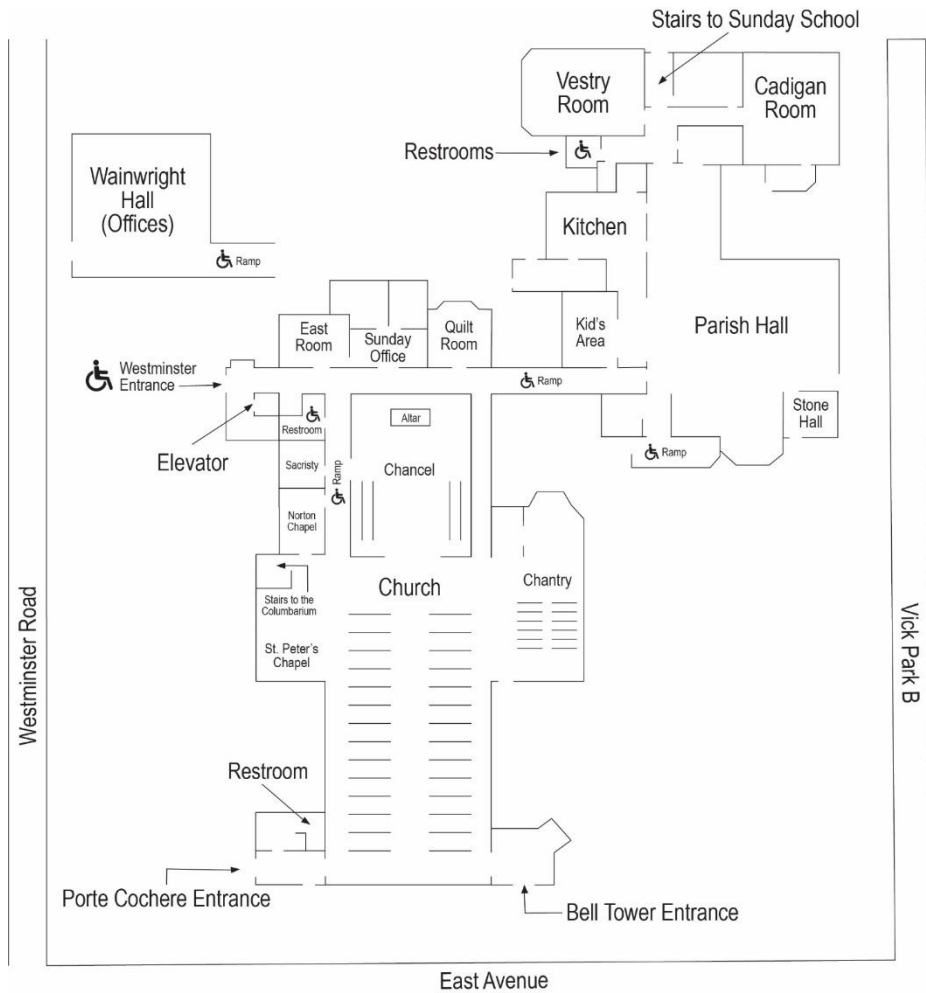
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Charles H. Moore, Jr. and in thanksgiving for Judith M. Moore

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:

As the plate is passed, • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at stpaulsec.org/donate. • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

9:00 am: Adult Formation—Visio Divina Bible Study (Vestry Room)

9:00 am: Adult Forum—Discerning & Using Your Spiritual Gifts (Cadigan Room)

10:00 am: Sunday School & Nursery Care

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

11:30 am: Properties Meeting (Vestry Room)

11:30 am: Chorister's Rehearsal (Church)

4:30 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)

Monday, October 5th

10:00 am: Archive Team (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: Book Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, October 6th

10:00 am: Hearing Loss Assoc. of America (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, October 7th

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

6:00 pm: Potluck Supper (Parish Hall)

6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal (Church)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, October 8th

3:00 pm: Book Group (Wainwright)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, October 10th

9:30 am: St. Joseph's Sandwich Making (Parish Hall)

10:00 am: St. Paul's Needle Arts Ministry (Wainwright Parlor)

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **All Are Welcome at God's Table**, our 2027 giving campaign, is underway. Your commitment sustains worship, learning, fellowship, and outreach at St. Paul's. An informational mailing was sent this week; brochures are available throughout the church or you may visit our website. Please give prayerful consideration to God's generosity and respond by Ingathering Sunday, All Saints Day, November 1st.
- ❖ The **Search Committee** is prayerfully reviewing materials from four candidates. We have extended the closing date of the position to October 15th and may receive additional candidate materials. We are meeting Sunday evening to discuss the candidates and to begin planning for initial interviews. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.
- ❖ **Adult Forum class on Discerning & Using Your Spiritual Gifts** led by Deacon Sue runs today through October 18! The class will help each person to discern their spiritual gifts. Using the Gather—Transform—Send model we will look at ways to examine how we are called to use our gifts and identify opportunities for service within the congregation and community in order to meet the needs that exist both within and outside of our church.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There is an opportunity to donate altar flowers on Sunday, October 11th, "In memory of" or in "celebration of" an event. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or email nancyandrus308@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Book Group:** We are holding a book group to share in reading together Elaine Pagels' The Historical Mystery of Jesus. The study meets in two ways: one over Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, and one in person on Thursdays at 3:00 pm, in Wainwright. Both sessions will cover the same material, so you can attend whichever fits best into your schedule! If you are interested or have questions, contact Nancy Grear at (nancy.grear@gmail.com) or 585-305-5727.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues on Sunday, October 18th with Italian Organist Alessandro Bianchi performing music by Arturo Clementoni, Joseph Bonnet, Marco Enrico Bossi, and Jean Langlais.
- ❖ **Halloween Party:** All Mini Ghouls and Goblins are invited! Join your Sunday school friends for a frightfully fun time of games, crafts, and lunch! Sunday, October 25th, after the 10:15 service in Stone Hall. Wear your costume!

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