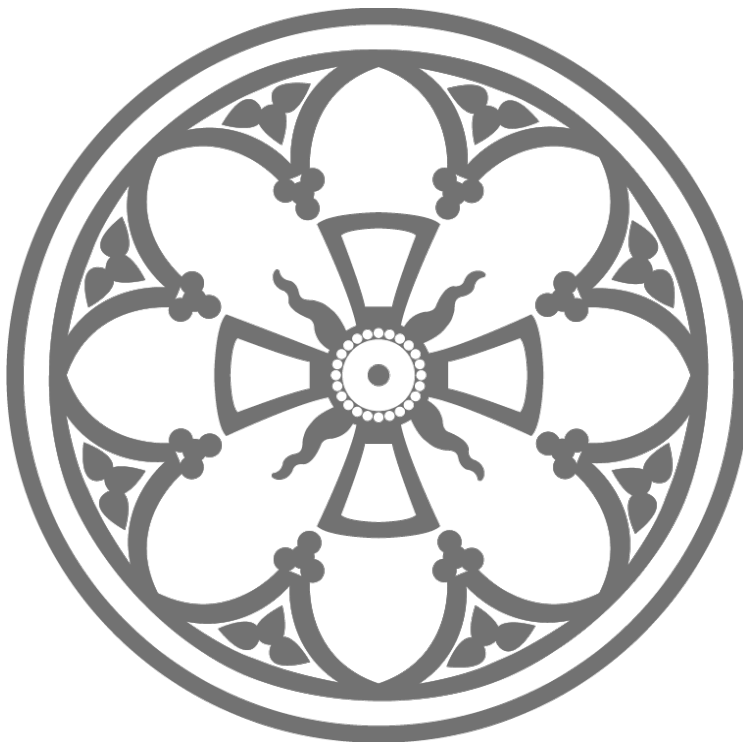




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 14

AUGUST 9, 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

We welcome Payton Dziekan, a former Choral Scholar at St. Paul's, as the soloist this morning. Payton now serves as Director of Music Ministries at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fairport. She is also a proud public-school teacher at Dewitt Road Elementary School where she provides equitable and accessible participation for musicians of all backgrounds and abilities.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Childcare: Available every Sunday at 10:00 am, including the summers & holidays.

Adult Formation meets each week at 9:00 in the Vestry Room

Sunday School will resume in September for children in PK-5th grade upstairs from the Parish Hall. It will then be held weekly.

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: James Dorr, Susan Jones (8:00)

Brent Johnson, Carol Panzer (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzy Spencer (8:00)

Andrew Ferrante, Erin Glanton, Nancy Curtis (10:15)

Altar Guild: Lila Kennedy, Linda White

Ushers: Diane Healy, Jennifer Bleecker, Philip Bleecker

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Anita Chen (10:15)

Cover illustration by Sonja Slother

Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.

After worship, speak to one another.

VOLUNTARY

Cloister-Garth
Nimrod from the *Enigma Variations*

A. Herbert Brewer
Edward Elgar
arr. William H. Harris

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ 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*)

**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.**

✠ HYMN 680

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:8-13 (*Prayed responsively*)

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

✠ HYMN 608

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 SOLO Lord, Make Me an Instrument Jonathan Willcocks
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, may there be union, where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, let there be hope, where there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, may there be joy! May we all be in peace, and only peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 380 (*stz. 3, sung by all*) *Old Hundredth*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Enriching our Worship, Prayer 3*

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.

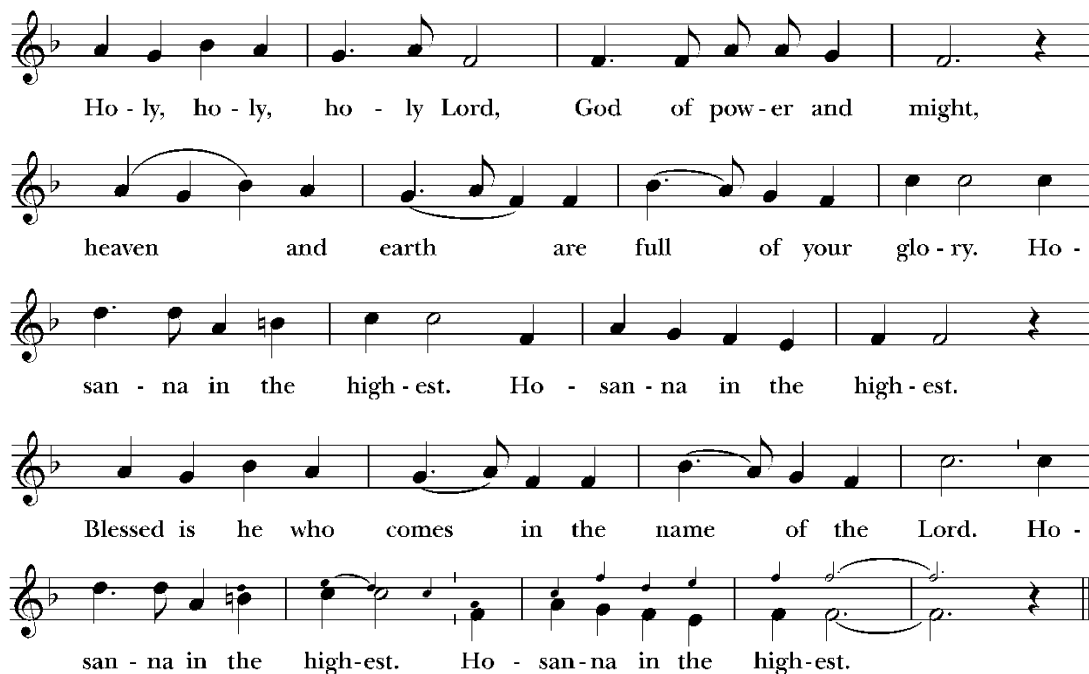
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, our eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you

create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymnal S-125)

Richard Proulx



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.;

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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 SOLO

Give Me Jesus

African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Oh,
when I comes to die, give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus.*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with
all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your
Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for
ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

✠ THE BLESSING

✠ HYMN 636 How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord *Foundation*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Craig S. Lang

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: The Episcopal Church

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Church, Canandaigua

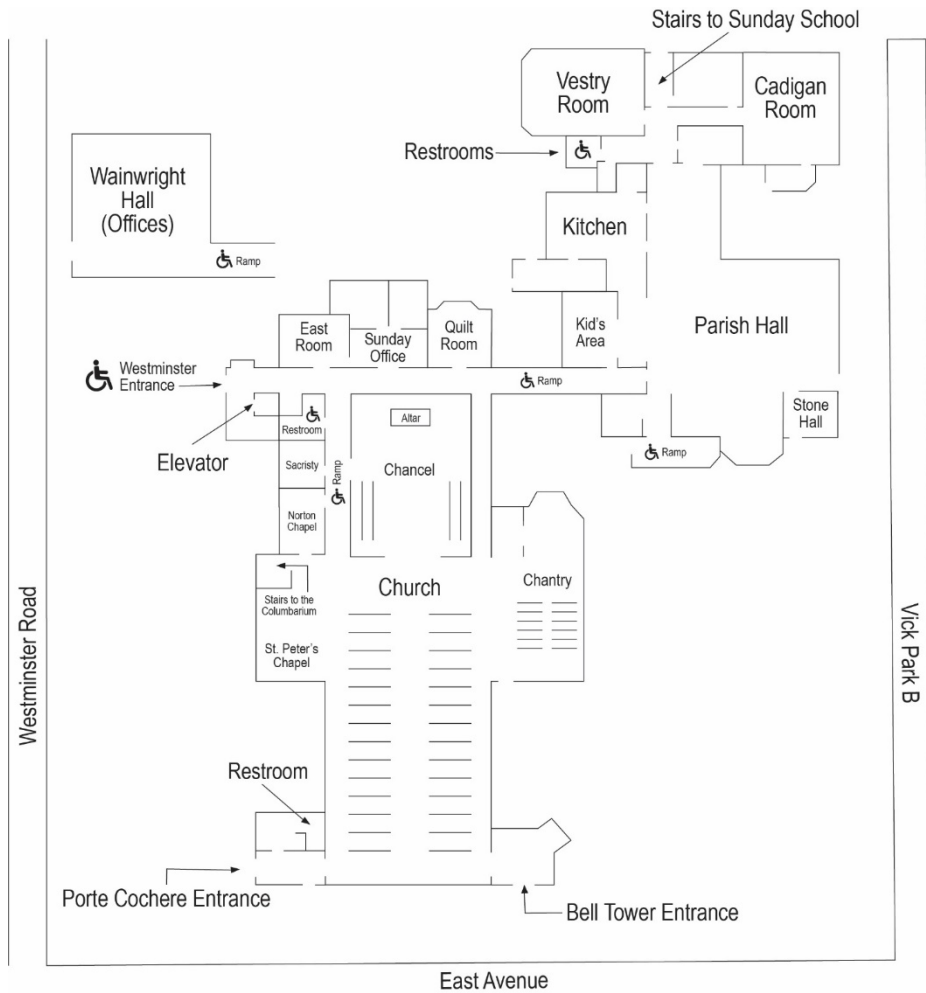
Sharyn Duffy, Chris S., Pattie Kernan, Peter Merrill, Jack Worboys, Abby, Chris,
Ron Young, Mallory, Paul Achop, Mary Jane Thomas, Marcia Stevens, Claudius
Scott, Linda, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Gear,
Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith, Ella
Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart
Those who have died.

*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 Dr. Bob Gulick

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: Bible Study (Vestry Room)

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Summer Fellowship Hour (Paul's Cross)

Monday, August 10th

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, August 12th

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

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

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

Thursday, August 13th

5:30 pm: Sunday on Thursdays Holy Eucharist (Paul's Cross)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

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

Saturday, August 15th

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

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

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Join us for Episcopal Night at ESL Ballpark!** HELP Spread the Word—we need a crowd! Enjoy a summer evening with all our friends! Rochester Red Wings vs Charlotte Knights, Friday, August 14, 6:45 pm. To purchase tickets, call Steve Richards at (585) 473-2977 or email steve@episcopalrochester.org.
- ❖ **Back to School Collection:** During August, St. Paul's will be collecting school supplies for School #9. Look at the supply list on the narthex table and consider picking up a few essential items. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be put in the baskets under the narthex table until Monday, August 24th.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm** – St. Paul's concert series begins its 2026-27 season on August 16th with organist, Agnes Barthel, and baritone, Ben Quist performing music by Bach, Vierne, Vaughan Williams, and Mendelssohn.
- ❖ **Choir Rehearsals** begin on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm; Bell Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm and Choristers will start on Sunday, September 13th at 11:30 am. We would love to welcome new members to all of these groups this coming season! Please get in touch with John Sherer at jsherer@stpaulsec.org for more information.
- ❖ **"Sunday on Thursdays"** is our outdoor Eucharist in Paul's Cross each Thursday evening at 5:30 pm and continuing through August 27th. If there's inclement weather, we will move inside the church.



THIRD SUNDAYS @ 3:00 PM

a concert series at st. paul's
at the corner of east ave. and westminster rd.



August 16, 2026

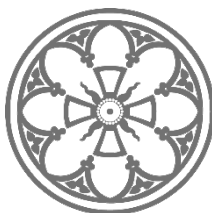
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PRAYER FOR ST. PAUL'S

O God, our heavenly Father, make the door of St. Paul's Church wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship and loving care, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and uncharitableness. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, but strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O heavenly Father, make the door of St. Paul's a gateway to your eternal kingdom; bless every member and worker; may all that we do and say be done and said to your honor and glory and the spreading of your kingdom. May we continue to be forever yours and daily increase through the Holy Spirit in love and service to others; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



A PRAYER FOR ST. PAUL'S RECTOR SEARCH

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.*

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