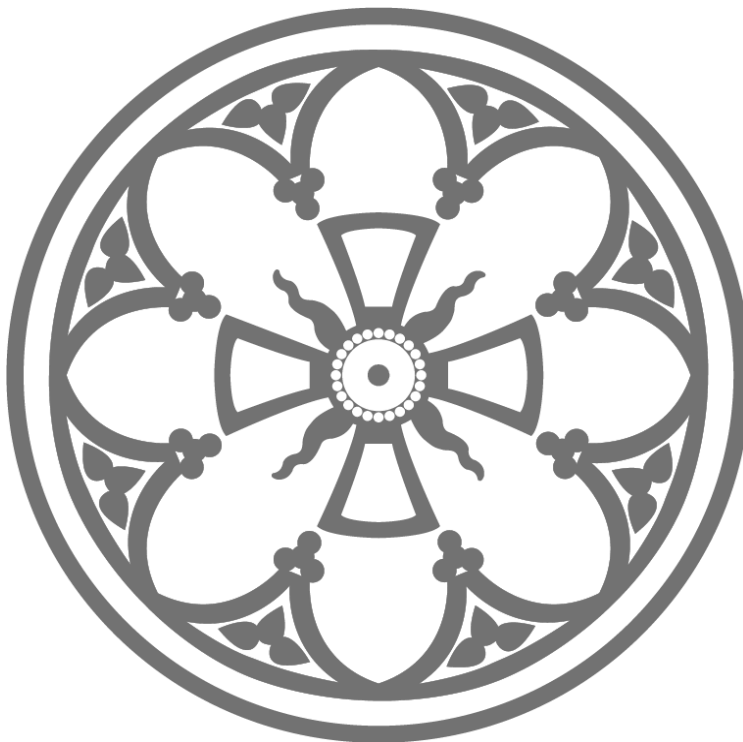




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 11

JULY 19, 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 Christine Sheng, one of the Choral Scholars at St. Paul's, as the soloist this morning. Christine is also section leader throughout the year and a student at the Eastman School of Music pursuing a Master of Music degree. In addition to performing, Christine is deeply committed to music leadership and community engagement.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

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

Bible Study meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!

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: Nancy Gear, Susan Jones (8:00)

Stephen Chepiga (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA (8:00)

Grace Henshaw, Nancy Andrus (10:15)

Altar Guild: Lila Kennedy, Judy McGrath, Jackie Barne, Jennifer Bleecker

Ushers: Abuk Mabut, Stanley Refermat, Jane Newcomb, Malual Thongjang

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Carmen Liberatore (10:15)

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✠ *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 423

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
for your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:11-17 (*Prayed responsively*)

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
**give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

✠ SEQUENCE HYMN 302 Father, We Thank Thee

Rendez á Dieu

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

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

The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalm 96:8*)

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

Draw Near to Me

Johann Sebastian Bach

Draw near to me! Thee would I follow wherever thou shalt lead me. Lord, my mind and heart are stayed on thee. Though storms arise, thou art beside me; no darkness can dispel thy light. Through thee alone mine eyes shall see. In thee I dwell, my guide and Father. Though raging tempest surge around me, my joy and shelter thou shalt be. Thy face I see; thy voice is saying, "When troubled waters would overcome thee, I am forever at thy side." Then would I die, dying victorious, in death or life I shall not fear! I know my soul shall rest in thee.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 400 (*stz. 7, sung by all*) *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Let all things their creator bless,

and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✠ 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.

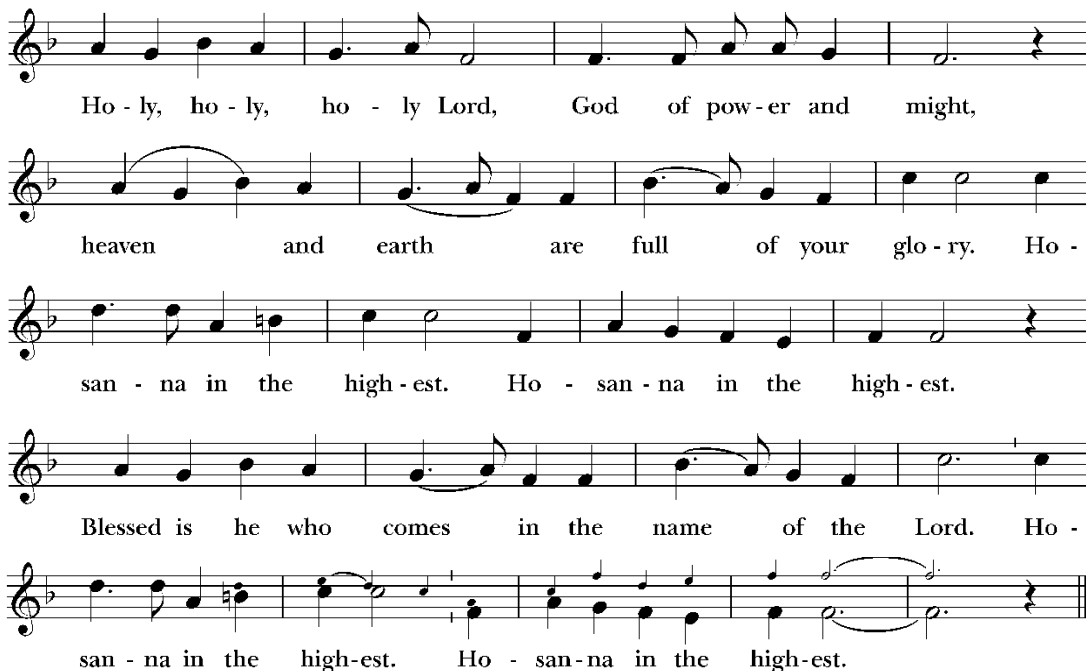
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, oh Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, oh Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun, oh Lord, have mercy on me.

✠ 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 347

Go Forth for God

Litton

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D Major

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: The Rev. Rick Larabee

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
Jack Worboys, Abby, Chris, Connie & John Palermo, 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
William Wandersee, Gerald Wandersee, Donald Wandersee & Elizabeth DeReu

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)

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, July 20th

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, July 21st

7:00 pm: Vestry Meeting (Cadigan Room)

Wednesday, July 22nd

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

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

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

Thursday, July 23rd

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, July 25th

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

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

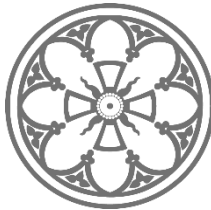
NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Bible Study** meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!
- ❖ **Summer Pledge Payments:** For those of you traveling this summer, remember you can use your pledge envelopes to mail your donation to the Office. Your continued payments help maintain our cash flow during the summer months. Thank you!
- ❖ Sign up for **Summer Fellowship Hour:** On Sundays, we will meet outside in Paul's Cross for Summer Fellowship Hour after the 10:15 am service. We are asking volunteers to please provide a small snack for about 2 dozen people. The signup sheet is located on the mobile bulletin board outside the East Room, or you can sign up online at bit.ly/SPECsummer2026.
- ❖ **"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.
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House:** We will collect all sizes of men's & women's underwear, men's & women's travel-size deodorant, razors & lotion. Please place all donations in the baskets in the back of the church.
- ❖ **2026 Bishop's Appeal: Sharing the Good News:** Bishop's Appeal 2026 will fund a diocesan campaign to create social media, welcome, and advertising templates that each parish can personalize. Donations will be collected throughout 2026 for work beginning mid-year. Options for giving may be found at episcopalrochester.org/give.
- ❖ **St. Paul's Children:** Help your children stay connected to God this summer with Meet the Kids of the Bible, a devotional activity book. Pick up a copy from the table at the back of the sanctuary, and feel free to take one for a friend, too!
- ❖ For the Summer, **Children's worship bulletins & coloring pages** will continue to be available in the four entrances around the church, and you'll find children's bible storybooks in each pew, too.
- ❖ Reminder: Clergy & staff will never text or email asking for gift cards.

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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