

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 7

JUNE 21, 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*

**W**ELCOME! 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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:* Ingrid Stanlis (8:00)

Carol Panzer (10:15)

*Eucharistic Ministers:* TBA (8:00)

Chari Krenis, Erin Wright, Vicki Harrison (10:15)

*Altar Guild:* Lindsay Korth, Louise Moore, Jackie Barne, Nancy Reale

*Ushers:* Chari Krenis, Doug Kelley, Floyd Bayley, Margaret Cochran

*ASL Interpreter:* Jean Rodman (10:15)

*Live-Stream Operator:* Carmen Liberatore (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

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Our Hope, Our Life Are in the Lord

Aaron David Miller

✠ *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 524

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*St. Thomas (Williams)*

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

**O** Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 69:8-11, 18-20 (*Prayed responsively*)

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*

**and shame has covered my face.**

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*

**an alien to my mother's children.**

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*

**the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*

**but that was turned to my reproach.**

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*

**in your great compassion, turn to me.'**

19 "Hide not your face from your servant; \*

**be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*

**because of my enemies deliver me."**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

**J**esus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

“For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*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

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

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

OFFERTORY SOLO **I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness** Antonin Dvořák  
*I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy, who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, I shall tell of thy great kindness and of thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.*

✠ 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



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

God is My Shepherd

Antonin Dvořák

*God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. My fainting soul doth he restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify his name. And though in death's dark valley my steps may wander, my spirit shall not fear, for thou art my me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort 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 530

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

*Gott sei Dank*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Intermezzo in C Major

Hermann Schroeder

## 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 Church of South India (United)

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's Memorial Church, Dansville

Bev, Mary, Barbara, Connie, and John Palermo, Paul Achop, Mary Jane Thomas,  
David Miller, Marcia Stevens, Claudius Scott, Jack Worboys, Linda, Mara  
Hazzard-Wallingford, Shelia Eiss, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Grear, Hans  
Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-  
Dyson, and Bill Dewart

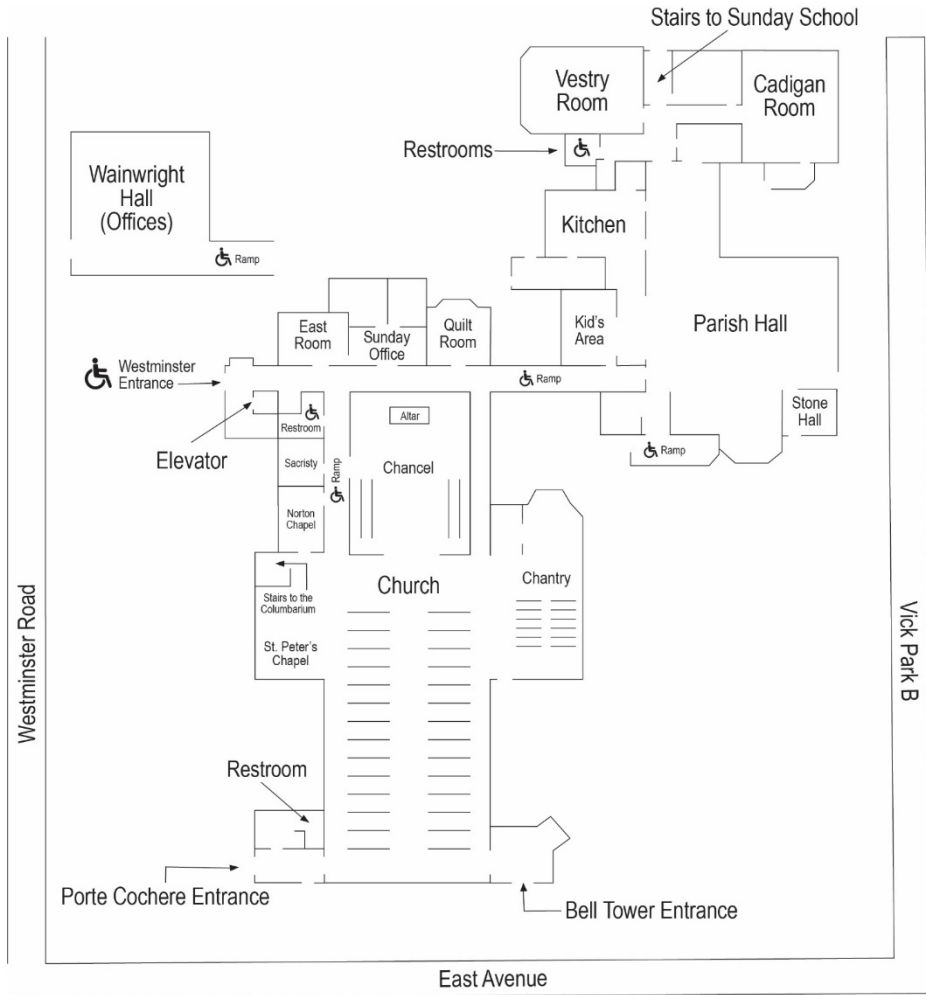
Those who have died.

*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 James P. Atwater, and Elizabeth (Libby) Skerritt~~

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](http://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, June 22nd**

- 10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)
- 7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

### **Wednesday, June 24th**

- 9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
- Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)
- 8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

### **Thursday, June 25th**

- 5:30 pm: Sunday on Thursdays (Paul's Cross)
- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
- 8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

### **Saturday, June 27th**

- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ Sign up for **Summer Fellowship Hour**: Starting TODAY, 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 sign-up sheet is located on the mobile bulletin board outside the East Room, or you can sign up online at [bit.ly/SPECsummer2026](http://bit.ly/SPECsummer2026).
- ❖ **"Sunday on Thursdays"** is our outdoor Eucharist in Paul's Cross each Thursday evening at 5:30 pm **starting June 18th** 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](http://episcopalrochester.org/give).
- ❖ **Reminder**: Clergy & staff will never text or email asking for gift cards.

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

The Reverend Dan Burner  
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## ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

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*Wardens:* Erin Glanton & Ingrid Stanlis  
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### Class of 2026

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