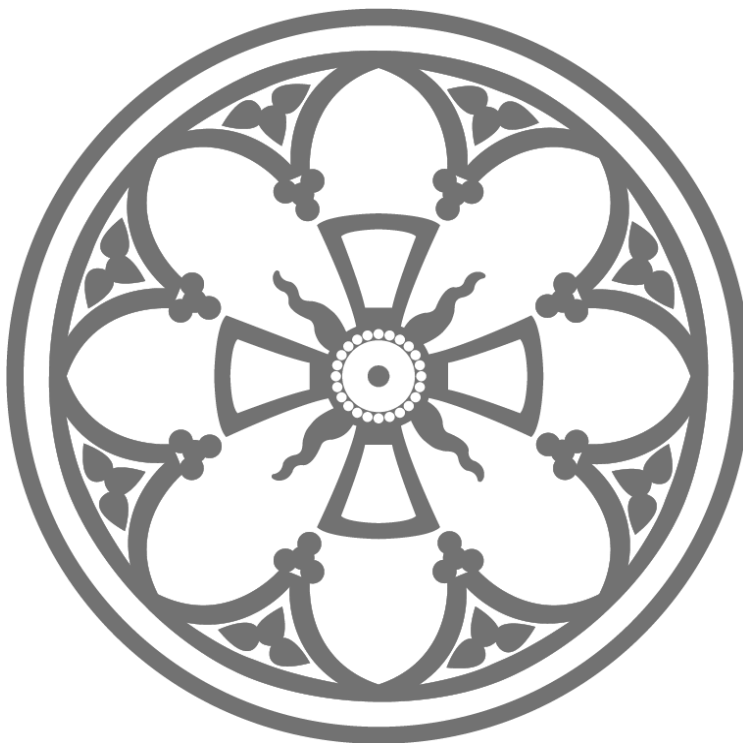




THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 12
JULY 26, 2026

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 Emily Rose Krasinski, one of the Choral Scholars at St. Paul's, as the soloist this morning. Emily has just graduated from The Eastman School of Music and will be attending Yale University this fall pursuing a Master of Music degree. We are grateful that Emily has shared her talents with us at St. Paul's this past year and wish her much continued success.

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: Tim Dewart, Doug Kelley (8:00)

Chandler Moran, Les Kernan (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzy Spencer (8:00)

Cynthia Miller, Kevin Frisch, Les Kernan (10:15)

Altar Guild: Andrew Ferrante, Louise Moore, Jackie Barnes, Nancy Reale

Ushers: Chari Krenis, Lila Kennedy, Margaret Cochran, Stan Refermat

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Leif Johnson (10:15)

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

VOLUNTARY

Prélude Modal

Jean Langlais

Préambule

Louis Vierne

✠ *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 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:129-136 (*Prayed responsively*)

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *

it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *

I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *

as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *

and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

✠ SEQUENCE HYMN 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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. (*Psalm 96:8*)

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

OFFERTORY SOLO Like a Deer that Yearns for Running Streams Peter Latona

Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When can I enter and see the face of God? My tears have been my bread day and night, as they ask me every day, "Where is your God?" Those times as I recall I poured out my soul, when I would cross over to the shrine of the mighty one, to the house of God. Amid loud cries of thanksgiving, with the multitude keeping festival. My soul is downcast within me, therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan and Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep in the roar of your torrents, and all your waves and breakers sweep over me. By day may the Lord send his mercy, and by night may his righteousness be with me! I will pray to the God of my life. Why are you downcast, my soul, why do you groan within me? Wait for God, for I shall again praise him, my Savior and my God.

✠ 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.**

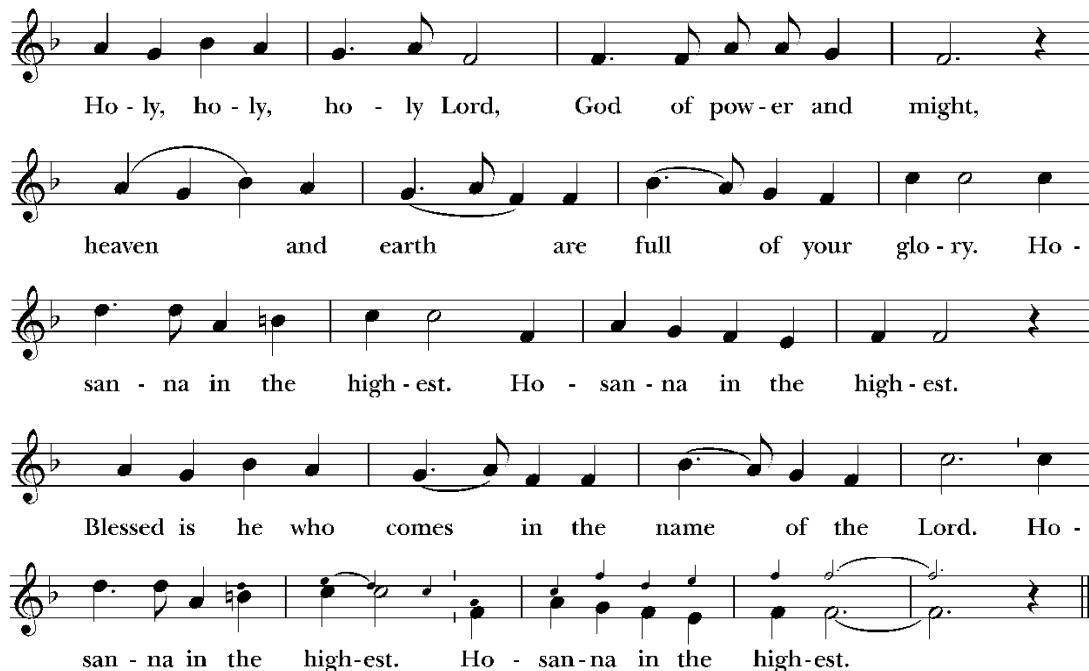
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 note values and rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The score ends with a double bar line. 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."

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

The Divine Image

Ralph Vaughan Williams

To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love, all pray in their distress; and to these virtues of delight return their thankfulness. For Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love is God, our Father dear; and Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love is man, his child and care. For Mercy has a human heart, Pity a human face, and Love, the human form divine, and Peace, the human dress. Then every man, of every clime, that prays in his distress, prays to the human form divine, Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace. And all must love the human form, in heathen, Turk, or Jew; where Mercy, Love and Pity dwell, there God is dwelling too.

✠ 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 551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

Festal Song

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Carillon of Westminster

Louis Vierne

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Rural & Migrant Ministry

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 Grear, Hans Thurston,
Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and
Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

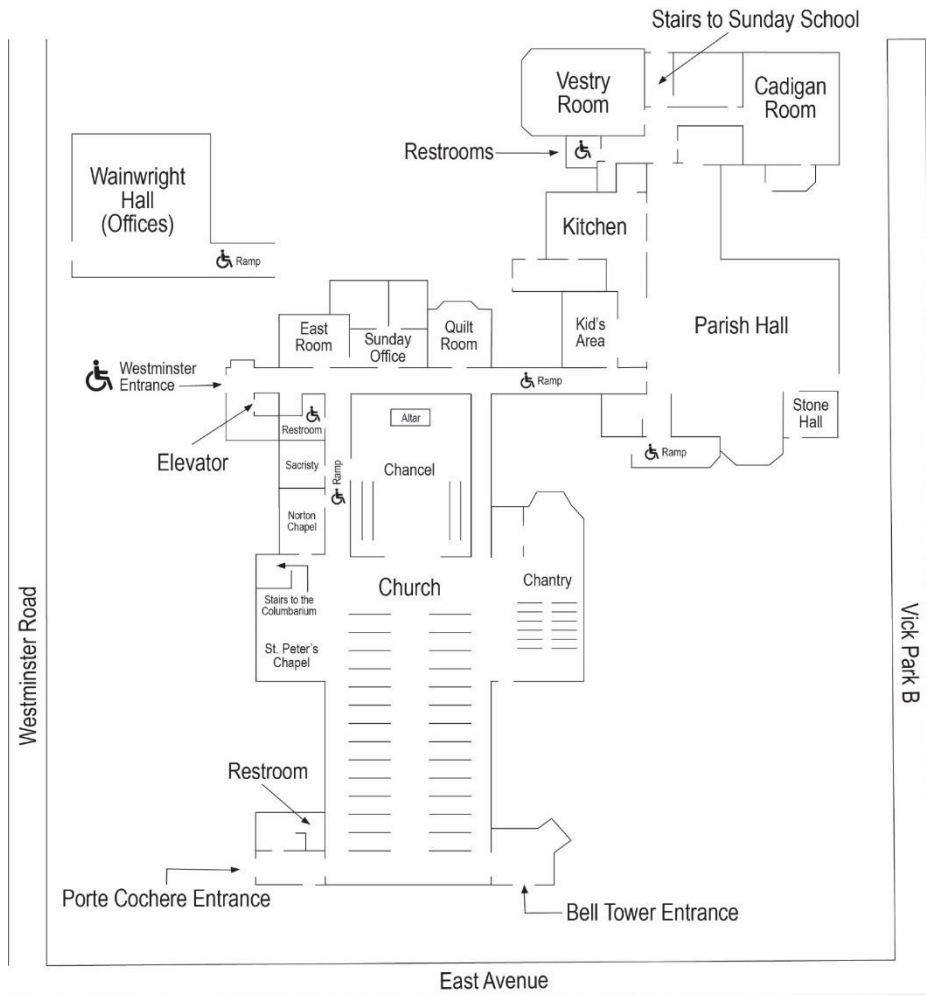
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Agnes Lacy Moore & Eric 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: Bible Study (Vestry Room)

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

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

Monday, July 27th

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, July 29th

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 30th

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 1st

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

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

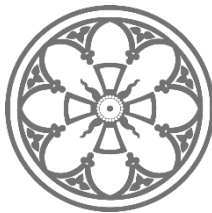
NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Rector Search Update:** At its meeting on July 14th, the Vestry approved the Vocation Hub Position Profile ("VHPP") that the Search Committee compiled for posting by the Diocese on the Episcopal Church's clergy position job sites. As we promised at one of our town halls, we are making this document available to you with a link in the weekly eblast, and a few hard copies are available in the back of the church. Feel free to reach out to any member of the Search Committee if you have any questions.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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. August Collection – School Supplies for School #9.
- ❖ **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.

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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