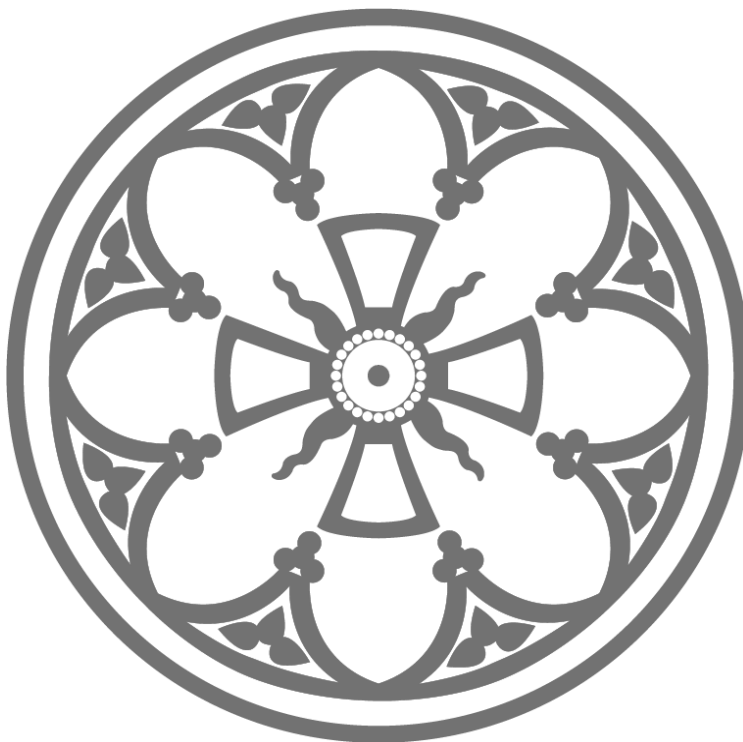




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 9

JULY 5, 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

Charles Ives (1874-1954) composed Variations on "America" in 1891 while a student at Yale University, however the piece was forgotten about until after Ives had passed away. In the late 1950's, organist E. Power Biggs contacted the family of Charles Ives to ask if Ives had composed anything for the organ and the family remembered this piece which was then stored in a barn. Biggs performed it on his radio show, and the piece has been a favorite ever since.

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: James Dorr, Stephen Chepiga (8:00)

Chari Krenis, Nancy Curtis (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA (8:00)

Chari Krenis, Nancy Curtis, Pat Moran (10:15)

Healing Prayers: Nancy Gear (8:00)

Hilary Streever, Rev. Sue Ouellette (10:15)

Altar Guild: Erin Wright, Linda White, Jackie Barne, Louise Moore, Carey Wilcox

Ushers: Diane Healy, Doug Kelley, Susan Dow

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Variations on “America”

Charles Ives

✠ *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 718

God of Our Fathers

National Hymn

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-15 (*Prayed responsively*)

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

✠ HYMN 644 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds *St. Peter*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

The Rev. Dan Burner

✠ 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 Saw a Stranger

Wilbur Held

I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place, and in the blessed name of the Triune, he blessed myself and my house, my cattle and my dear ones. And the lark said in her song, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

✠ 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.

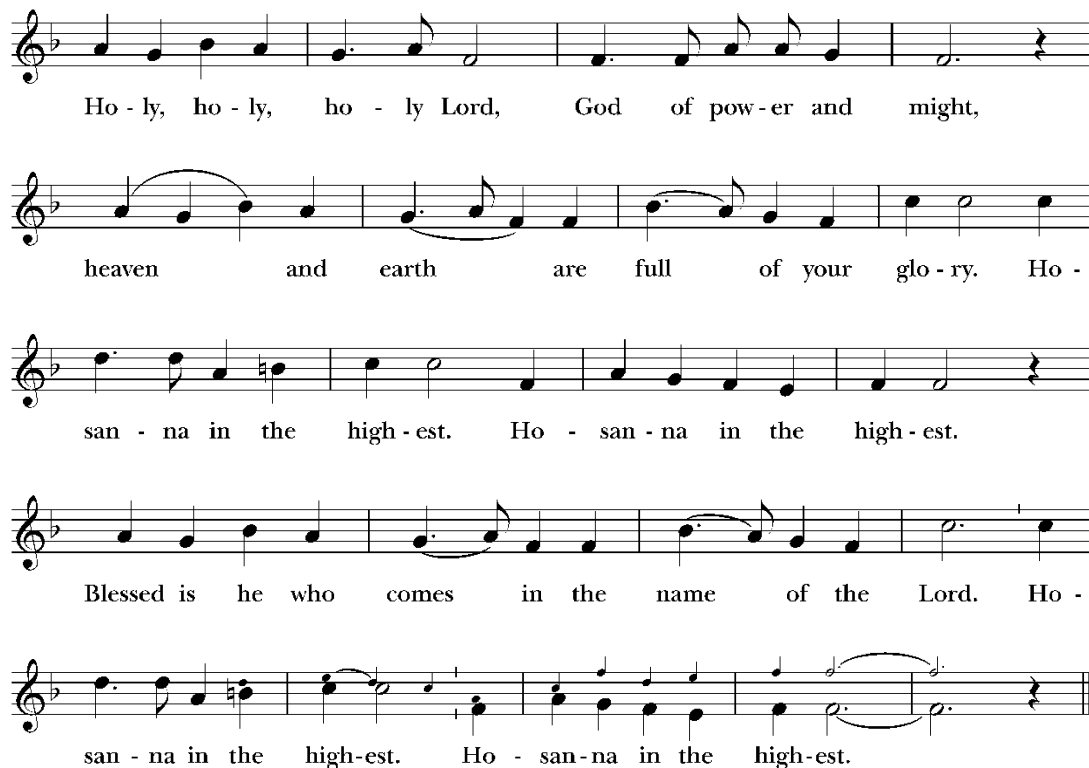
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth staff: "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

Deep River

African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

Deep river, my home is over Jordon. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

✠ 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 719

O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies

Materna

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Marche Américaine

Charles-Marie Widor

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 South America

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: The Rev. Carla Asiakson-Yarnal

The nation and people of Venezuela, Jack Worboys, Abby, Chris, Connie & John
Palermo, Ron Young, Mallory, Bev, Paul Achop, Mary Jane Thomas, Marcia
Stevens, Claudius Scott, Linda, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Shelia Eiss, Bill &
Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Grear, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha
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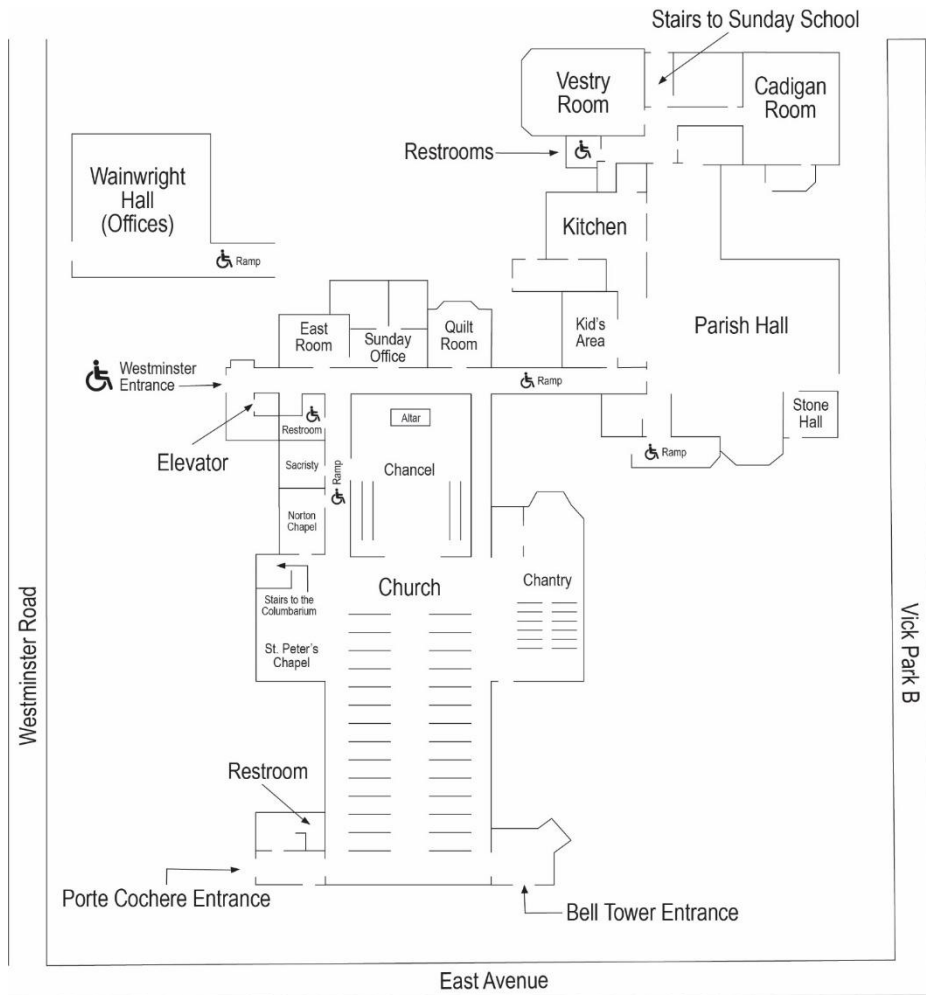
Those who have died.

*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 Charles & Lillian Norfleet

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 6

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, July 8th

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 9th

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 11th

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

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

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

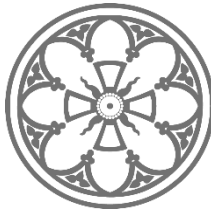
NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ 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 **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.
- ❖ **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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