**Welcome to our Sunday Worship**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11, Year C, Track 2**

**July 20, 2025 9:00 a.m. "Enriching Our Worship”**

**SURELY THE PRESENCE Worship #131**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**

**SONG OF PRAISE: Trisagion Hymnal S-102**

**Holy God,**

**Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

**FIRST READING**: Genesis 18:1-10a

*Here Abraham, one of the fathers of our faith, has the fateful encounter that would set in motion the birth of the Jewish people.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent.” Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

**Psalm 15** *(from the Book of Common Prayer)*

*This psalm very well may have been picked for this set of readings as it has echoes of the charter of Abraham, a gentle, wise, and faithful man. However, a careful reading of the Abraham saga shows that he didn’t always live up to all the laudatory descriptions in this psalm.*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

 who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \***

 **who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*

 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 **In his sight the wicked is rejected, \***

 **but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*

 and does not take back his word.

6 **He does not give his money in hope of gain, \***

 **nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things \*

 shall never be overthrown.

**SECOND READING:**Colossians 1:15-28

*Few passages of Paul’s letters have the sweep of this one. The most puzzling part of the passage is Paul's claim to be “completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that, is the church." Does Paul really mean that the suffering of Christ on the cross was lacking in some way? More likely, the phrase emphasizes that the passion of Christ was the central focus of Paul's faith and the church's reason for being.*

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him--provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: The Lord will come and be not slow                             Worship #462**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 10.38-42

*The lovely story of Jesus visiting Mary and Martha never ceases to raise romantic views of their relationship, even being featured in modern novels and movies. Jesus felt welcome in their home in Bethany and made his headquarters there when in Jerusalem. Bethany lay conveniently less than two miles east of Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives.*

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: The Lord will come and be not slow                             Worship #462**

**THE SERMON**

**THE 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 worshipped 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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, especially The Church of Pakistan (United);

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Doug, our Bishop; Tom, our Rector; and Mary our Deacon.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

**Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.**

Offering thanksgiving for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth, especially Joan Cacchio, Judy Snider, Evelyn Ferioli, and Susie Bartley; and those celebrating the anniversary of the marriage; we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

**We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Tom Connolly, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.**

O merciful Father, we know that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children: Look with pity upon the sorrows of the victims of the floods in Texas, and other victims of turmoil, or violence. Remember them, O Lord, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them strength to meet the days ahead.

Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, and nurture victims of violence and warfare throughout your world, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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 PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Holy Communion**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Ubi Caritas *Hurd/Kingsbury*

**DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow                 Old 100th**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

**SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy—- Holy, holy, holy**

**Lord God of power and might—- Lord God of power and might**

**Heaven, heaven and earth—- Heaven, heaven and earth**

**Are full of your glory— Are full of your glory**

**Refrain**

**Sing Hosanna—- Sing Hosanna**

**Sing Hosanna—- Sing Hosanna**

**Sing Hosanna— Sing Hosanna**

**Sing Alleluia— Sing Alleluia**

**Blessed, blessed is he—- Blessed, blessed is he**

**Who comes in the name of the Lord— Who comes in the name of the Lord**

**Refrain**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Paul, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**FRACTION ANTHEM: Breathe on me, breath of God Hymnal #461**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN: Be thou my vision Hymnal #488**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

And finally my brothers and sisters, live in harmony and with compassion. Show kindness and humility. Return no evil nor slander, but return blessings to all. Bless and do not curse for such is your call in Christ Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shall be with you this day and all the days of your life. **Amen***.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN: How great thou art Worship 51**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of St Paul's truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**Welcome visitors!**

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Trinity Hall after the service.

*Celebrant and Preacher* The Rev. Dr. Tom Thoeni

*Deacon* The Rev. Dr. Mary Abrams

*Eucharistic Minister(s)* Linda Connelly, Steve Carnell

*Lector* Diane Augustus

*Intercessor* Diane Augustus

*Usher(s)* Judy Martin & Mia Tajawandee

*Active Altar Guild Members:* Judy Allen, Joan Allison, Diane Augustus, Rose Porembo, Mia Tajawandee, & Cindy Tysiak.

*Rector* The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thoeni

*Deacon* The Rev. Dr. Mary Abrams, seasonal

*Administrative Assistant* Betty Hernandez

*Sexton* Gary Dickerson

*Music Director* Jacquie Scaduto

*Vestry*

*Senior Warden* Diane Augustus *Junior Warden* Julio Albino

*Clerk* Charlene Connolly *Treasurer* Rose Porembo

*Members:* Tom Connolly, Mary Lou Dogoloff, Paul Nelson, Jeannie Smith, Murray Smith, Jack LaRose.



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**July 20, 2025**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Aumbry Candle**

If you would like to reserve the candle for a loved one, or in memory of a loved one, please call the office at 239-643-0197.

**🎶 Wanted:  Choir singers (male and female)** **🎶**
Do you like to sing? We would love to have you join us on Sunday mornings.
You are welcome to come even if you are here for a short time. Our weekly choir practice is held on Monday morning from 11am-12 noon, and we come for rehearsal on Sunday morning at 9:30.
If you would like to join us, please speak to our Music Director, Jacquie Scaduto, at coffee hour, or email her at jacquilt123@gmail.com.  Or you can speak to a choir member.
**We look forward to seeing new members.**



**Prayer List**

Please pray for Joan Cacchio, Lani Jenkins, Nikki Wall, Richard Broszeit, Lynne LaMarca, Martha Waddell-Gill, Mary Grindstaff, Barry Stone, Barbara Metcalfe,

Please pray for the repose of our church family members Joe Meghreblian, Brad Estes and Tom Connolly. Also, for the repose of Patty Linde a lifelong friend of Jan Shea and Rich Shea,

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, email the office at welcome@saintpaulsnaples.org or call the office at (239) 643-0197.

**Farmers’ Market**

The market and stores are now closed for the summer.

They will reopen in the fall. See you soon



Parishioners it is that time of year again. If you are willing and able to open your home this year as a safe place for other church members, please email the office at welcome@saintpaulsnaples.org or call the office at 239-643-0197. Please make sure to provide your address, phone and email and your preferred form of contact.

A list will be compiled to implement when it is needed (hopefully not). Thank you for your generosity.

The Church emergency plan has been updated for 2025 and a hard copy is hanging in the office. Gary Dickerson will be the Emergency Disaster Coordinator.

**Texas flood relief efforts**

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Texas flooding. The Flood Response Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. You can make a gift here today or visit episcopalrelief.org to donate and get more information.



**\*Outreach Committee\***

Judy Martin and Jack LaRose are heading up the St. Paul's Outreach Committee Please contact Judy at (239) 784-8485 for more information.

The OC is asking for a few additional donations to complete the Backpacks mission.

Need list:

* Filler paper
* Hard bound composition notebooks (bl & white covers)
* Small tissue boxes or packs
* Hand sanitizers (personal size)

Note: they have almost no tissue or hand sanitizers!

Greatly needed. Thank you!

**Lunch with the Bunch**

  **\* \* \* \* LUNCH WITH THE BUNCH - 8/12 \* \* \***

**The second Tuesday of the month luncheon scheduled for August 12th will be at 'Skillets' located on Collier Boulevard, across from Verona Walk in Lely.** Come and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere where no one needs to cook or clean-up!!!  If you have a suggestion for our next luncheon, e-mail Norma B. Pappalardo at nbpapp@aol.com.  DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP AT COFFEE HOUR!!!

**Laundry Love**

We encourage you to consider donating to the Laundry Love initiative by contributing to the container in the Narthex. This wonderful program, now led by Steve Augustus, offers a unique opportunity to extend kindness to those in need right here in Naples. If you want to volunteer or have questions, call Steve at 860-490-3178 or email: saugustus@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your generosity.

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Please sign up to bring snacks to fellowship after Sunday Services. Sign up sheets are in Trinity Hall.

Great ideas to bring are breakfast casseroles, bowl of fruit or gluten free foods

Thanks!



**July Birthdays**

Sharon Carnell 7/1, Natacha Joseph 7/1, Frances Nadeau 7/3, Fr Tom Thoeni7/4, Barbara Abernethy 77, Barbara Stone 7/7, Quincey Thoeni 7/8, Judy Hall 7/10, Gary Porembo 7/13, Barbara Pike 7/13, Stephanie Griffith 7/13, Bruce Gill 7/14, Richard Ewing 7/17, Candy Acra 7/18, Joan Mensiage 7/20, Joan Cacchio 7/20, Judy Snider 7/21, Evelyn Ferioli 7/24, Nicki Trabilsy 7/24, and Susie Bartley 7/25.

Wishing you a year filled with peace, joy, health and new beginnings.



**July Wedding Anniversaries**

Loudney and Marie Cenozier 7/1, Jan and Mary Abrams 7/1,.Rick & Candy Acra 7/2, Gary & Paulette Dickerson 7/4, Jeffrey & Deb Laughlin 7/4,

Christian & Esperanta Milien 7/6, Lee & Marilyn Perry 7/10, Bill & Stephanie Griffith 7/12, Edwith & Sherly Tranchant 7/13, Bruce Gill & Martha Wadell-Gill 7/14, Lee & Mary Ellen Wieber 7/17, Eric & Dianne Kiehl 7/18, Roger & Carol Conant 7/19, Jean Louis-Jean & Mari Michelle Alabre, and Jean & Marie Normil.

May your bond continue to strengthen with each passing year.

**Justin’s Place**

In the narthex, you will find a dedicated box for donations. Please assist those who have completed addiction recovery efforts.

**Vestry**

**Sr. Warden** – Diane Augustus

**Jr. Warden** – Julio Albino

**Clerk** – Charlene Connolly

**Treasurer** – Rose Porembo

Tom Connolly, Mary Lou Dogoloff, Jack LaRose, Paul Nelson, Jeannie Smith and Murray Smith

**Pastoral Emergency:**

Fr. Tom’s cell phone: **(813) 763-0441**

**Pastoral Care:**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thoeni, Rector

*Sick? Facing surgery? Recuperating? Please notify the church office for yourself or others.*

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**St. Paul’s is grateful for your support**

You may mail checks to the church, donate via our website: **saintpaulsnaples.org,** or drop donations on the offering plate on Sunday, or you can scan the QR code to donate to the church.

**Pledge Cards**

**P**ledge cards for 2025 are on the table in the Narthex

**Schedule during the week:**

WED 7/16 10:30 am Reflect & Connect (L)

 6:30 pm Bible Study (L)

THU 7/17 8:00 am God’s Gardeners

**Monthly Events and Repeated Gatherings**

* Holy Eucharist 9 am Sunday through the summer months
* Bible Study 6:30 pm Wednesdays
* God’s Gardeners 8:00 am every Thursday
* Circle of Sisters 3:00 pm 1st Thursday of the month
* Reflect & Connect 10:30 am every Wednesday
* Parish Luncheon 11:30 am 2nd Tuesday of the month
* Potluck Dinners 5:30 pm 3rd Thursday of the month
* Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm 3rd Monday of the month
* Wine Time 6:00-7:00 pm Thursdays except on vestry week

**On summer break**

* Choir Practice 11:00 am Mondays resumes soon
* Farmer’s Market 8 am- 12 pm resumes in November
* Men’s Meetings 10:00 am every Monday resumes soon



**Thu. July 17th:** 5:30 Potluck dinner (cold dinner w/ ice cream dessert)

**Mon. July 21st:** 6:30 Vestry meeting

**MAKING MEMORIES**

Thank you so very much to the Rev. Jean Hite and Gordon Brown for kindly filling in temporarily while the Rev. Fr. Tom and Jaquie Scaduto were away.



Judy Martin has volunteered to use the microphone each week since Judy Allen moved from Naples to TN in June. Thank you very, very much Judy Martin. And we won't forget how Judy Allen volunteered to manage altar guild for many years as well as welcoming newcomers, and so much more.

Judy Martin  gave the announcements last Sunday followed by lifting into the air a school backpack for East Naples Middle School. Parishioners helped provide supplies to fill 48 book bags.

Welcome Jackie!

During the announcements Sunday a visitor named Jackie Dry introduced herself to the congregation. Judy Cimaglia invited her neighbor Jackie to church. Both enjoyed church and coffee hour.

Have you invited someone to church yet?

Photos and information : Thank you Charlene!