**Welcome to our worship!**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 19, Track 2**

**September 14, 2025 9:00 a.m. Rite II**

PRELUDE: Canticle of the Sun *Haugen*

**SURELY THE PRESENCE Worship #131**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

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

*Celebrant*

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: Gloria**

*Refrain*

**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.**

*Refrain*

**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.**

*Refrain*

**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.**

*Refrain*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**: Exodus 32:7-14

*Many may be surprised that the Bible teaches that God “changed his mind.” While curious, such a focus misses the power of Moses’ role as mediator, pleading effectively the promise that God had made to the patriarchs. As the Bible teaches elsewhere, “the prayer of a righteous person avails much.”*

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

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

**from Psalm 51** (*from The Book of Common Prayer)*

*This psalm is a classic treatment of repentance. It passes beyond mere shame at the consequences of sin to an acknowledgment of guilt before God. It sees forgiveness not only as the removal of guilt, but as the restoration of a right relationship to God.*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*

 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness \***

 **and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, \*

 and my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against you only have I sinned \***

 **and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak \*

 and upright in your judgment.

6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \***

 **a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*

 and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \***

 **wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*

 that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 **Hide your face from my sins \***

 **and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*

 and renew a right spirit within me.

**THE SECOND READING:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*This passage reads like a very personal confession. Yet it also expresses the deep experiential and theological truth that God's grace, repentantly received, motivates the believer to thank and praise God.*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: Come my way, my truth, my life Hymnal #487**

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Luke 15.1-10

*These two vignettes from the daily life of a Palestinian peasant are often overlooked. They tell the story of God's love for the lost and the wholly undeserved grace that offers full and free forgiveness. Both parables emphasize the joyful celebration when the lost is found. To God, everyone is important and graciously loved. No one is excluded, not even those who do not want to be found.*

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

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: Come my way, my truth, my life Hymnal #487**

**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 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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church, remembering especially The Anglican Church of South America; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Doug, our Bishop; Tom, our Rector; Mary, our deacon; and all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for our President, our Governor, our County Commissioners, all those who advise our leaders; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We offer praise for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth, especially John McLaren, Judy Allen, Patricia Andrew, Sarah Lawrence, Teresa Dobbins, and Buddy Jackson; and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage.

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.

**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.**

**The Holy Communion**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Create In Me a Clean Heart *Hurd*

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

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS Hymnal S-130**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**THE LORD’S PRAYER Worship #740**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN: Come share the Lord Worship #696**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN: A mighty fortress is our God Hymnal #688**

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/Altar* Dick Emerson

Eucharistic minister/Chalice: Philip Lindquist

*Lector* Diane Augustus

*Intercessor* Diane Augustus

*Usher(s)* Judy Martin & Mia Tajawandee

*Active Altar Guild Members: Philip Lindquist,* 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:*  Mary Lou Dogoloff, Paul Nelson, Jeannie Smith, Murray Smith, Jack LaRose.



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**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Aumbry Candle**

The Candle burns this month:

* In loving memory of Patty Linde from her friends Rich & Jan Shea.
* In loving memory of Elizabeth Neapolitan from her friend Frances Nadeau.

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.**

**Farmers’ Market**

**The farmer’s market will be starting on Saturday, November 8!**

**The gift shop has begun receiving donations again in preparation for the season.**



**Prayer List**

Please pray for Joan Cacchio, Lani Jenkins, Nikki Wall, Richard Broszeit, Lynne LaMarca, Mary Grindstaff, Barry Stone, Barbara Metcalfe, Evelyn Ferioli, Murray Smith, and Betsy Blanchard Rafferty.

Please pray for the repose of our church family members Tom Connolly, Elizabeth Neapolitan, and Carolyn Moore.

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.



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.

**Lunch with the Bunch**

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!

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**September Wedding Anniversaries**

Ralph & Sarah Lawrence 9/6, Richard & Karen Seiler 9/10.

May your bond continue to strengthen with each passing year.



**September Birthdays**

Donna Nidds 9/3, Thomas Jandris 9/6,

Paul Nelson 9/6, Diane Kane 9/8, Diane Dick 9/10, Carol O’Connell 9/12, Mary Abrams 9/14, John McLaren 9/15, Judy Allen 9/16, Patricia Andrew 9/17, Sarah Lawrence 9/17, Teresa Dobbins 9/17, Lees Divine 9/20, Buddy Jackson 9/20, Carol Wood 9/25 and Rosemary LaRose 9/26.

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

**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

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 9/17 10:30am Reflect & Connect (L)

 6:30 pm Bible Study (L)

THU 9/18 8:00 am God’s Gardeners

 5:30 pm Potluck dinner (theme: end of summer)

**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



Mon. Sept. 22nd Vestry meeting cancelled.