**Welcome to our Sunday Worshippasted-image.tiff**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 14, Track 2**

**August 10, 2025 9:00 a.m. Rite II**

Prelude: My Life is in Your Hands *Troccoli/Montivilo*

**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: KYRIE Hymnal S-96**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**: Genesis 15:1-6

*This promise to Abram (later known as Abraham) has become the classic claim of all Jews to their eternal existence as God’s people.*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

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

**from** **Psalm 33** (*from The Book of Common Prayer)*

*Reiterating the promise of God to Abraham, the closing part of this psalm celebrates the providence of God for all those who render God due reverence.*

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 **The LORD looks down from heaven, \***

**and beholds all the people in the world.**

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*

on all who dwell on the earth.

15 **He fashions all the hearts of them \***

**and understands all their works.**

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \***

**for all its strength it cannot save.**

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*

on those who wait upon his love,

19 **To pluck their lives from death, \***

**and to feed them in time of famine.**

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*

he is our help and our shield.

21 **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \***

**for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*

as we have put our trust in you.

**SECOND READING:**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*After giving what is for many a somewhat confusing definition of faith, this passage turns to show how faith resulted in action by Israel's great patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. …By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: We walk by faith Hymnal #209**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12:32-40

*The early Church widely believed in the return of Christ at some unknown but imminent time. We can find references like this passage in more than one place in both the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. This reveals that a common tradition existed about the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.*

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

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

[Jesus said,] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: We walk by faith Hymnal #209**

**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;

**That we all may be one.**

Remembering the The Anglican Church of Rwanda, 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 all Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Doug, our Bishop; Tom, our Rector; and Mary, our Deacon. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for 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 thanksgiving for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth, especially Avery Jones, and Terry Snider; and for those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage, especially Lee and George Barron, Pauline Suss, John Zinno and Karen Sullivan, and James and Dorothy Thomas.

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 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: Take and Eat *Joncas/Quinn*

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*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**

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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**FRACTION ANTHEM: My God thy table now is set Hymnal #321**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN: Be not afraid Worship #430**

**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: Guide me O thou great Jehovah Hymnal #690**

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: 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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**August 10, 2025**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Aumbry Candle**

The Candle burns this month:

* In loving memory of Linda H. Anderson missed and cherished. Rest in peace with our Lord. From Donald, Jason, Jackie and Madison.

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 market and stores are now closed for the summer.

They will reopen in the fall. See you soon



**Prayer List**

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

Please pray for the repose of our church family members Joe Meghreblian, Brad Estes, Tom Connolly and Elizabeth Neapolitan, and 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.



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](mailto: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**

**\* \* \* \* 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](mailto:saugustus@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your generosity.

**A cup of coffee and a bagel

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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!



**August Birthdays**

Connie Guensch 1, Jodi Clair 2, Peter Lund 6, Katherine Snyder 7, Avery Jones 10, Terry Snider 14, Ann Couite 14, Nancy Kerchenfaut 17, Bob Flynn17, Jeannie Smith 19, Judy Martin 21, Mary Ellen Wieber 25, Fred Thornton 26, and Rosemary Porembo 31.

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

**A close-up of a couple of gold rings

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**August Wedding Anniversaries**

Pauline Suss 8/12. John Zimo & Karen Sullivan 8/16, James & Dorothy Thomas 8/16, Gedeon & Anne Anis 8/16, Rich & Jan Shea 8/17, Rev. Albert & Barbara Pike 8/20, Steve & Sharon Carnell 8/30, and Terry & Judy Snider 8/30.

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

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:**

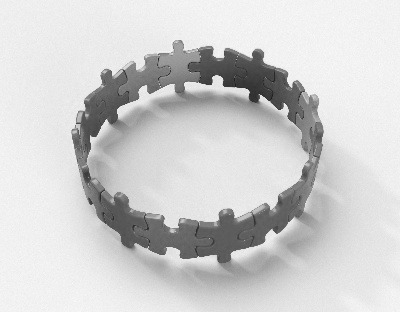
TUE 8/12 11:30am Lunch with the Bunch at Skillets – Collier

WED 8/13 10:30 am Reflect & Connect (L)

6:30 pm Bible Study (L)

THU 8/14 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



**Mon. Aug. 18th:** 6:30 pm Vestry meeting (TH)

**Thu. Aug 21st:** 5:30 Potluck dinner (international foods)

**MAKING MEMORIES**

St Paul's Outreach Ministry filled another 48 bookbags to be handed out as needed to the students at East Naples Middle School. The principal was thrilled to receive the bags along with surplus supplies collected by the parishioners at St Paul's. Thank you to team leader Judy Martin who with Gary Dickerson delivered the bags before school started in August .

A car with bags in the back

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A person and person standing next to a cart full of luggage

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Thank you to Judy and the Outreach Ministry., Gary and Charlene