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

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 15, Track 2**

**August 17, 2025 9:00 a.m. "Enriching Our Worship”**

PRELUDE: Holy, Holy, Holy  *Dykes*

**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.**

**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.**

**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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**: Jeremiah 23:23-29

*Jeremiah's message is that false prophets have completely misunderstood whom God really is. God is not some neighborhood deity reigning over a small hilltop sanctuary, sending feel-good dreams promising favor. Instead the word of God to the true prophet is as different as wheat from straw. The dreams of the false prophets lead people astray, providing no spiritual benefit or repentance among the people.*

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

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

**Psalm 82** (*from The Book of Common Prayer)*

*Though these few verses depict a peculiar heavenly scene, the emphasis on social justice rooted in the prophetic awareness of a just and righteous God manifests itself clearly.*

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*

he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 **“How long will you judge unjustly, \***

**and show favor to the wicked?**

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*

defend the humble and needy;

4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; \***

**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, \***

**and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*

and fall like any prince.’”

8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \***

**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**SECOND READING:**Hebrews 11:29-12:2

*This passage recalls many of Israel's religious heroes and describes how they suffered because of their faith. We too may join them in following the example of the greatest of all, Jesus, who suffered death on the cross and now reigns with God.*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets--who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: My faith looks up to thee Hymnal #691**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12:49-56

*Confronted by Jews who had expelled all Christians from their synagogues and threatened with persecution by the Romans, it was natural for Luke’s community to take comfort in Jesus' apocalyptic teachings like this passage.*

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

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

[Jesus said,] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN: My faith looks up to thee Hymnal #691**

**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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We offer thanksgiving for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth, especially Nancy Kerchenfaut, Bob Flynn, Jeannie Smith, and Harbor Cole Thoeni; and for those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage, especially Rich and Jan Shea, and Al and Barbara Pike.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

**THE PEACE**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Holy Communion**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Gentle Like Jesus *Copeland*

**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 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.**

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 Worship #740**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN: Lord, make us servants of your peace Worship #593**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**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: Holy God we praise thy name Hymnal #366**

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* Pauline Suss

*Intercessor* Pauline Suss

*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 17, 2025**

**The Tenth 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, Evelyn Ferioli and Betsy Blanchard Rafferty.

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**

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:**

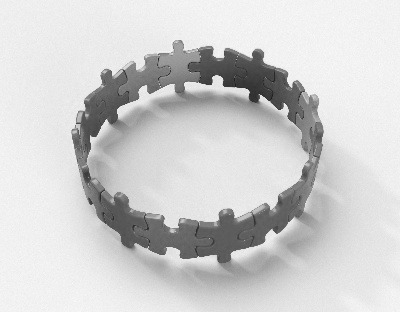
MON 8/18 6:30 pm Vestry meeting (TH)

WED 8/20 10:30 am Reflect & Connect (L)

6:30 pm Bible Study (L)

THU 8/221 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**

8.9.2025 Steve and Diane Augustus performing the Laundry Love Ministry at an East Naples laundromat.

Steve spent time with the cutest members of the families that were there!

A person holding a baby

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