

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Epistle Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised- - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul’s. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.
Please pray for: *Jerry Harrison, Jerry Tillery*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 8, Tues.

6:00 p.m.-School Board Meeting
- July 9, Wed.

8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer I
10:00 a.m.-Children’s Chapel
10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer II
6:00 p.m.-Bible Study
- July 12, Sat.

No SAR Meeting
2:00 p.m.-Windy Hill Birthday Celebration for Rosa G.
Located at 5307 Windy Hill

Morsels for Meditation

The danger for any follower of Christ is not that we do not believe, but that what we believe does not make any difference, for the church or the world.
-Stanley Hauerwas, *Jesus Changes Everything: A New World Made Possible* (Walden, NY: Plough Publishing House, 2025), Charles E. Moore xxx.

Look at the way any achiever approaches negative experiences, and you can learn a lot about how to fail forward. Read through these two lists, and determine which one describes your approach to failure:

Failing Backward

- Blaming Others
- Repeating the Same Mistakes
- Expecting Never to Fail Again
- Expecting to Fail Continually
- Accepting Tradition Blindly
- Being Limited by Past Mistakes
- Thinking, I am a Failure
- Quitting

Failing Forward

- Taking Responsibility
- Learning from Each Mistake
- Knowing Failure Is a Part of Progress
- Maintaining a Positive Attitude
- Challenging Outdated Assumptions
- Taking New Risks
- Believing Something Didn't Work
- Persevering

Think about a recent setback you experienced. How did you respond?

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9
July 6, 2025

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.mADULT CATECHESIS
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.NURSERY OPEN
10:30 a.m.HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.MORNING PRAYER I
10:00 a.m.CHILDREN’S CHAPEL
10:30 a.m.MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 p.m.BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, July 6th

Lector/LEM: Matt Wolff
Acolyte: Jim Pence
Vestry Person of the Day: Jeff Faunce, Elizabeth Porter
Intercessory Prayer: Suzanne Taylor
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Chris Wolff;
Audio-Dana Medford; Cameras-Jacob
Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison;
Alternate-Jennifer Faunce

Next Sunday, July 13th


Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte: Matt Wolff
Vestry Person of the Day: David Kirklin, Frank McKee
Intercessory Prayer: Jo Dodson
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Chris Wolff;
Audio-Dana Medford; Cameras-Jacob
Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison;
Alternate-Jennifer Faunce
Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison,
Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*
The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*
David Gish, *Music Director*
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Sunday Offering: \$2,415.00
Attendance: 44
June Stripe Offerings: \$3,012.35



Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #718
God of our Fathers (National Hymn)
Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis H #S280
The Collect BCP 230
The Lessons
The First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14
The Psalm Psalm 30
The Epistle Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16
Gospel Hymn H #474
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Rockingham)
Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Sermon “Our Declaration” The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III) BCP 387
The Confession BCP 360
The Peace BCP 360
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn H #579
Almighty Father, Strong to Save (Melita)
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
Agnus Dei H #S157
Communion Hymns A3 #106
Kyrie Eleison A3 #145
Sing Alleluia to the Lord BCP 364
The Presentation BCP 365
Post Communion Prayer BCP 366
The Blessing & Dismissal
Recessional Hymn
The Star-Spangled Banner (National Anthem) H #720
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (Materna) H #719

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)
H = Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

All baptized Christians are welcome
to receive the Holy Eucharist.

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and
our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted
to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in
high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram.
The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on
one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she
served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the
prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in
and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of
Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and
ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When
this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you
may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his
clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me
to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel
with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes,
he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to
me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his
horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a mes-
senger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be
restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, say-
ing, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the
name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the
leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the
waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went
away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the proph-
et had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it?
How much more, when all he said to you was, `Wash, and be clean?'" So he went
down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of
the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was
clean.

The Psalm Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?