



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 15, 2019 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our Sunday School program for children and youth will begins at 10:00am in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day and a preview of the activity. Children move to their classrooms at 10:10 for creative programming and activities including circle time, prayer and storytelling. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Youth will be in Room 8. All children and youth will return to the sanctuary at the peace to join their families for Eucharist.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable. We're glad you're here.

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

Martha Sobaje

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.

Processional Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

Hymn of Praise

O praise God in the highest

Felix Eisenhauer

O praise God in the high - est, O praise God near and far! O
praise God in the high - est, O praise God near and far! God's
love and mer - cy and God's peace are gi - ven free-ly to all, so
praise God in the high - est, all praise God near and far!

Collect of the Day

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.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-11

- 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.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

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.**

Gradual Hymn

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

All are invited to stand as you are able and join us in singing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

Please be seated.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

All stand as able and together say

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 catholic¹ and apostolic² 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.

¹ universal; all embracing

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

Our God wraps love around us and embraces us with mercy. There is nothing we need hide. Let us bring our needs and the needs of the whole human family to God's loving care, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

That the leaders of the Church will be, like Moses, one with their people and outspoken on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the church will spend itself in search of the lost of this world, the homeless, the addicted, the uneducated, the ill, the rejected, and that we will welcome them to our household, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the nations, for all rulers, legislators and judges, and for an increase of justice in our lands, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who are far from home will live in safety, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That peace and forgiveness will mark our lives together as families, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick, the aged, the lonely and anyone in need, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)* and any who cannot be with us today, that they may know our kindness and God's mercy, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of promises, you have brought us a long way and have kept us safe in our journey to you. Hear us now, and answer our prayers with delight. Teach us to run to you for all we need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

A period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Anthem

Welcome Home

Words and music by Patricia Mock, arr. by Brad Nix

Presentation Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

The people remain standing.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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.**

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (Tune ST. HELENA)

Calvin Hampton

I Surrender All

(Please see the next page.)



I Surrender All

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1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to Him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;
 3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;

I will ev - er love and trust Him, in His pres - ence dai - ly live.
 let me feel Thy Ho - ly Spir - it, tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
 fill me with Thy love and pow - er, let Thy bless - ing fall on me.

I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all;
 I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all;

all to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

WORDS: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1896
 MUSIC: Winfield S. Weeden, 1896

SURRENDER
 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

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.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Hymnal 448

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart

Gilbert Martin

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Infants may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Preschool aged children through youth are invited to join our Sunday School. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

Serving This Week
Team 3 – 3rd Sunday of the Month

Acolytes	Ti Nahabedian, Judy Wareham, Allen Bryant
Chalice	RoseAnn Hill – Server, Woody Bretz
Psalm	Woody Bretz
Lay Readers	Ted Andrews, Judy Wareham
Prayers of the People	Lori Redding
Ushers	Steve Jones, Julie Braithwaite, David Hill
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Rose Hayden-Smith
Pastoral Care Team	Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens
Altar Guild	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Peter Anderson, Duffy Anderson
Flower Guild	Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Rev. Susan & Teddy Bek, Carmela Carreno
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Welcome Ministry	Marcia Semple
Vestry Greeter	Rose Hayden-Smith
Facility Lock Up	Woody Bretz
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Hospitality	Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's
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Today 9/15	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:15 am	Nigeria Mission Trip Presentation
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Nigeria Mission Trip Presentation
	11:30 am	Acolyte Training and Review
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 9/16	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Avenue)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 9/17	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Kahler Hall & Community Room)
Weds. 9/18	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Thurs. 9/19	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Café)
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 9/20	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 9/21	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Sun. 9/22	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Readers Training and Review
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:45 am	Newcomer Coffee with Our Clergy (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 15, 2019

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, John, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Diane, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim, Jerilynn

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wawso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIUM

Dick Holt

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements September 15, 2019

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am-Eunice Koch

10:15 am- Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Jo Ellen Heil

10:15-Larry & Shirley Myers, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower)

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

The Vestry Greeter today is Rose Hayden-Smith, come by and say hello



Come hear how your support helped make a difference

FOLLOW UP PRESENTATION FROM NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

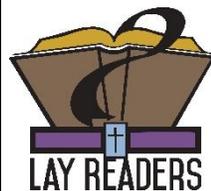
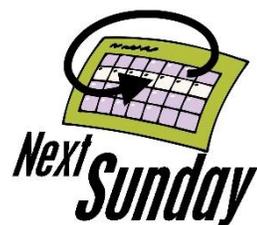
Dr. Steve Jones will give a presentation on the recent Medical Mission trip to Nigeria. Join us in Kahler Hall after each service.



CALLING ALL ACOLYTES TO MEET TODAY

AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN ABOUT BECOMING AN ACOLYTE

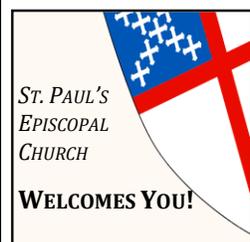
Meet in the sanctuary after the 10:15am service for today's Training & Review. We'll talk about recent changes, review the important role you play as an acolyte, answer your questions, and prepare for a great year. Please join us!



Are you a Lay Reader OR do you want to learn about becoming a Lay Reader?

LAY READER TRAINING & REVIEW

Lay Readers (or Lectors) are trained in reading Scripture during public services of worship. They may also read the Prayers of the People as Intercessors for the community gathered. Whether you are experienced in this ministry, or would like to be trained to join our team, you're invited to meet us in the Sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, 9/22. We look forward to seeing you there!



Newcomer Coffee with our Clergy

4TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
(meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

September 22nd at 11:45am

Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church

Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

MEET PEOPLE, ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, EXPLORE THE FAITH

All are welcome!



FALL TRAINING & REVIEW SESSIONS – Please join us!

If you serve in any of these ministries, or would like to learn more, join us in the Sanctuary on the following Sundays:

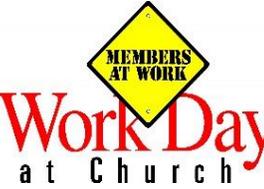
Acolytes – 9/15 at 11:30am (following the service today)

Readers – 9/22 at 9:30am

Ushers – 9/29 at 9:30am

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice) - 10/13 at 9:30

We look forward to seeing you there!

	<p><i>Want to help feed the hungry?</i> IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, September 16th Come help us serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p>
	<p><i>Want to meet people and enjoy some great fellowship?</i> LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, September 19th 11am at Mimi's Cafe All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Mimi's. We gather at 11am and order by 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Ruth, Pam or the Office so we'll know to expect you. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>Come Help Us Take Care of the Church – Second of 2 Work Parties</i> PLANT AND GARDEN AROUND THE SANCTUARY Saturday, September 21 at 8:30am It's time to dig and trim, plant and tend in the garden spaces around the labyrinth and in the courtyard. Meet us in front of the Sanctuary for a morning of gardening and sprucing up the campus. Please bring your own gloves. Thank you so much for your help!</p>
	<p>COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, September 29 at 7 pm St. Paul's Choir invites you to join us for our first contemplative Compline service of the season. Come calm your soul at the end of the day during our brief, candle-lit, choral prayer service. The church will remain open after the service for those who wish to continue their prayers, light a votive candle, or walk the labyrinth by candlelight. Donations will support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Please help us spread the word, all are welcome!</p>
	<p><i>Come learn ASL with us!</i> FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 Join us for this wonderful three-week series 11:45am – 12:45pm in the Community Room at St. Paul's. This is a great class for first-time learners and if you already know some signs, we'll teach you more. In our October series, we'll focus on: Manual Alphabet (fingerspelling), Introductions, Family Signs, and Colors. Invite your friends, all are welcome, and the classes are free.</p>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 6

Services will be in Kahler Hall at 8am & 10:15am



Bring your furry, feathered and scaly friends
(or a picture of them)

and join us for wonderful services with the
Blessing of the Animals Service on Oct. 7th.

We bless stuffed animals, too!

**Join us
as we celebrate
the life of St. Francis.**