



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.*



Online Bulletin

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Proper 18, Year C**

**September 8, 2019 10:15 a.m.**

*Today's flowers are given by Connie Baer in memory of her wife, Rita Marsh, on their anniversary.*

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### *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 10am 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.*

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## **Holy Eucharist**

### ***Liturgy of the Word***

#### **Prelude**

*Prelude on a Folktune*

*Gilbert Martin*

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

#### **Processional**

**Praise to the living God!**

**Hymnal 372**

#### **Opening Salutation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

***People* Glory to God for ever and 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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

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

## Psalm 1

*The choir will sing the Psalm today. Psalm singing is an ancient church tradition that involves reciting the text on a repeating tone, creating musical interest while emphasizing the words.*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

A Reading from the Letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*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 14:25-33

*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.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*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 catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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.**

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing.

<sup>2</sup> relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand, sit or kneel, as is your custom.*

*Server*

We do not know the wisdom of God nor what the Lord intends. But we do know God's mercy. So we confidently gather our needs and present them to God, the Father, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the leaders of the Church, that they may be single-hearted in love of the Lord and in service to all people, we pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of this and every nation and all who make decisions of consequence, that they may choose wisely that which will benefit all people, we pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who live far from family and friends, that they may find companionship and friendship, we pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the young who are searching for their lives, and for those who seek honest work, that they may have the wisdom to know their gifts and use them for the human community, we pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the imprisoned and the oppressed, the solitary and the unwanted, that they may know the love of Christ in the care of the Christian community, we pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the concerns of this community and for all in any need, especially those affected by violence, fires and floods, we pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our 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

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

*Indian folk Melody, arr. Felix Eisenhauer*

### Presentation Hymn

**When Christ was lifted from the earth**

**Hymnal 603**

*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

#### Sabbath Song

Denis Eliot

#### Come and fill our hearts with your peace

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.  
Latin: Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff has a bass line with notes G2, B2, D3, E3, F3, G3. Chord symbols D, Bm, D, and A are placed above the treble staff.

Em C Em A D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!  
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The treble staff has notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff has notes G2, B2, D3, E3, F3, G3. Chord symbols Em, C, Em, A, and D are placed above the treble staff.

## 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

**Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove**

**Hymnal 512**

*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

*Joyful Recessional*

*Janis Dunson Wilson*

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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 side chapel has many stuffed animals and lots of books for children. You are welcome to make yourselves comfortable there. The service can also be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

## Serving This Week

Team 2 – Second Sunday of the Month

<b>Acolytes</b>	Dean Nahabedian, Nairi Nahabedian, Maryanne Lamola
<b>Chalice</b>	Roger Crow – Server, Kay Armstrong
<b>Psalm</b>	Roger Crow
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Janet Koehn, Drew Darby
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Ernie Fickerson
<b>Ushers</b>	Maggie Kennedy, Jeff Brown, Tamara Nerdrum, Peter Anderson
<b>Eucharistic Prayer Ministry</b>	Kathleen Crookston
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews
<b>Counters</b>	Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson
<b>Welcome Ministry</b>	Pat Malchak
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Cheri Gonzales
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Nate Alday
<b>Cantor</b>	Natalie Epelone
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Lori Redding

### Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>9/8</b>	9:15	Coffee Hour (Room 12)
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Homecoming Presentation (Labyrinth)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	All Star Hog & Chili Bar, Line Dancing and Silent Auction
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Courtyard)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
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<b>Mon.</b>	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
<b>9/9</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
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<b>Tues.</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
<b>9/10</b>	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Community Room)
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<b>Weds.</b>	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee (Community Room)
<b>9/11</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
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<b>Thurs.</b>	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
<b>9/12</b>	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
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<b>Fri.</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>9/13</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
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<b>Sat.</b>	10:00am	Work Party – Painting Benches around campus
<b>9/14</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting
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<b>Sun.</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>9/15</b>	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation – Presentation about Mission Trip to Nigeria
	11:30 am	Acolyte Training & Review in the Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	AA Meeting

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 8, 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, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim

### ***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 prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + 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 Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

### ***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.*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

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## Announcements September 8, 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- Ellen Morgan**

**10:15 am- Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Lori Redding**

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00- Eunice Koch*

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

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

**The Vestry Greeter today is Cheri Gonzales, come by and say hello!**



### HOMECOMING SUNDAY – Services at 8am & 10:15am

10am Special Presentation Honoring our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – on Labyrinth

11:30am All Star Hot Dog and Chili Bar

Silent Auction and Line Dancing

*Please join us!*



**WELCOME BACK CHOIR!** – Join us for amazing, uplifting music all season long!



### FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP

Today we introduce our exciting new programs! Come, bring your friends and join us as we learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God. All are welcome!



*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

*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!



### 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:

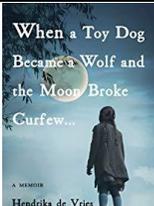
**Acolytes – 9/15 at 11:30am** (following the service)

**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!**



### Special Guest Speaker! Come hear her amazing story.

**FIRST MONDAY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – Monday, September 9, 5:30pm Panera Bread** Our selection this month is *When a Toy Dog Became a Wolf and the Moon Broke Curfew* by Hendrika de Vries. This compelling book details how Hendrika survives harrowing experiences in Nazi occupied Amsterdam and discovers the woman she wants to become. Hendrika will be our guest at this meeting, so please RSVP to Paula or the church office so we know how many to expect.

	<p><i>Come Help Us Take Care of the Church - 2 Work Parties Scheduled</i></p> <p align="center"><b>PAINT BENCHES - Saturday, September 14 at 10am</b></p> <p align="center"><b>&amp; PLANT AND GARDEN AROUND THE SANCTUARY Saturday, September 21 at 8:30am</b></p> <p>Join in on either workday. Our benches and our landscaping are in desperate need of some TLC. <i>No experience necessary. All willing hands are welcome! We'll have all the supplies and teach you what to do.</i> What we need are volunteers who can help. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan so we'll know to expect you. <a href="mailto:revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org">revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org</a> <b>Thanks!</b></p>
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	<p><i>Come learn ASL with us!</i></p> <p align="center"><b>FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/13, 10/20, 10/27</b></p> <p>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>
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	<p align="center"><b>Newcomer Coffee with our Clergy</b></p> <p align="center"><b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM</b> (meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)</p> <p align="center"><b>September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45am</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church</i></p> <p align="center">✝</p> <p align="center"><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith</b> <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
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 <p><i>Invite your friends, and come refresh your soul</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Compline:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day September 29th at 7pm</b></p> <p>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>
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 <p align="center"><b>Saturday, September 14</b> Work Party at Church – Bench Painting 10am</p> <p align="center"><b>Sunday, September 15</b> Acolyte Training &amp; Review – 11:45am in Sanctuary Presentation on Mission Trip to Nigeria – after svcs</p> <p align="center"><b>Monday, September 16</b> Feeding the Hungry at Family to Family</p> <p align="center"><b>Saturday, September 21</b> Work Party at Church – Planting &amp; Gardening - 8:30pm around the sanctuary</p> <p align="center"><b>Sunday, September 22</b> Readers Training &amp; Review – 9:30am in Sanctuary Newcomer Coffee with Our Clergy – 11:45am</p> <p align="center"><b>Sunday, September 29</b> Compline Service - 7pm in Sanctuary</p>
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**Celebrating Over 130 Years of Mission and Ministry**  
**10am Presentation on the Labyrinth**  
September 8, 2019

**A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A CHURCH**

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the fellowship of Paul, our patron, and of all your Saints,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

*After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

*People* For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*Officiant* Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

*People* And you are exalted as head over all.  
Amen.

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Let No One Be a Stranger...