

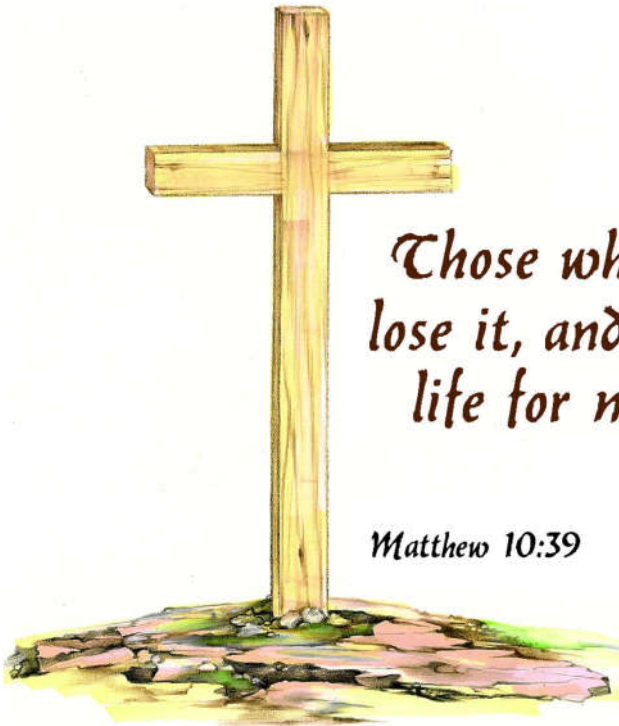
Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023



*Those who find their life will
lose it, and those who lose their
life for my sake will find it.*

Matthew 10:39

Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #595 God of grace, God of glory

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

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed be-

cause of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.”

¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

- ¹ Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- ² Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- ³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor anything like your works.
⁹ All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, *
and glorify your Name.
¹⁰ For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

¹Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #379 God is love, let heaven adore him

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Lyn Morlan

Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows

The couple/couples are asked to come forward;

The Presider: You have come before God and those gathered here to renew your solemn vows with one another and to ask God's blessing. Do you freely and unreservedly offer yourself to one another?

Couple: I do.

Presider: Will you continue to live together in faithfulness and holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

Couple: I will, with God's help.

Presider addresses all gathered:

Presider: Will all gathered to witness these vows do everything in your power to uphold and honor these couples in the covenant they make this day?

People: We will.

Presider: Will you pray for them, especially in times of trouble, and celebrate with them in times of joy?

People: We will.

The Commitment

The couples face one another.

Presider: I invite you now, in the presence of God and all gathered here to renew your covenant.

Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the right hand of the other and repeats after the presider, beginning with the man.

In the name of God,

I, (your name), give myself to you, (their name), and take you to myself
I will support and care for you: in times of sickness, in times of health.
I will hold and cherish you: in times of plenty, in times of want.

I will honor and love you: in times of anguish, in times of joy,
forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow.

Blessing of the Couple

Presider: Let us pray.

Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus the Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love.

We give you thanks for this couple, and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger; fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in service to each other and the world.

Please congratulate Mike and Pam on the renewal of their covenant.

The Nicene Creed

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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 worshipped 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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

All: Amen.

The Rite of Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

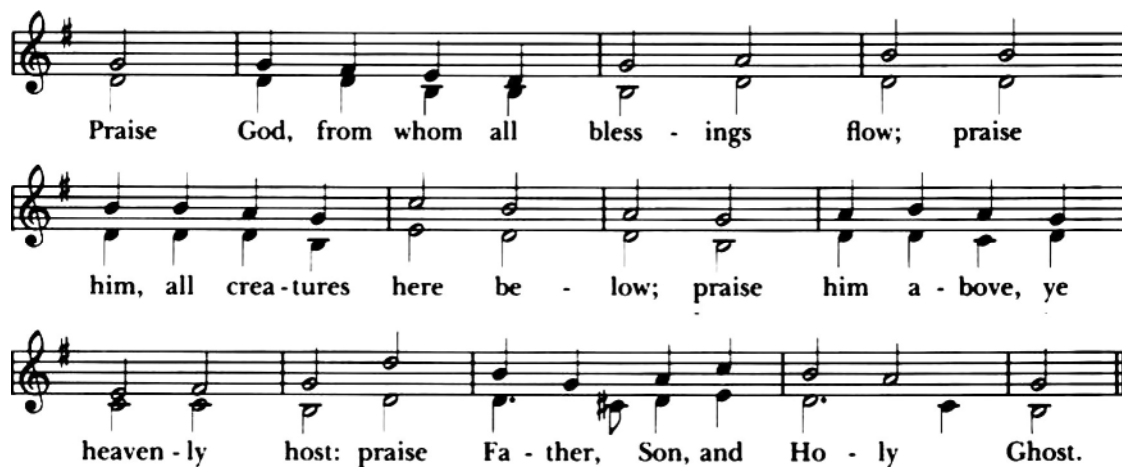
Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the Election of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn WLP# 810 On eagles wings *(see insert)*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 Enriching our Worship

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 thing, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: 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:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 St. 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**

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from
e-vil. This is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn WLP# 812 I the Lord of sea and sky *(see insert)*

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

All: 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.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is given.

Recessional Hymn #535 Ye servants of God

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and others. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer



The flowers at the altar today
are given to the Glory of God
by Chris Jayne
in honor of family.



Prayer and Praise *as of 6-16-2023*

- ◆ Rosalie Carmody needs prayers for healing due to a fall. She also needs prayers for discernment on how she would like to proceed in determining if she is able to stay in her home. Please pray for Rosalie, her family and Judy.
- ◆ **Praise & Thanksgiving** for Judy Teter's loving care of Rosalie.
- ◆ Please continue your prayers for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry for healing, comfort, strength and peace. We have no updates on his condition.
- ◆ The people for Ukraine need our prayers for healing and peace.
- ◆ Please pray for continued healing and comfort for Vickie Winchester as she continues with physical therapy.
- ◆ **Praise** that Jeni Statzer is improving but please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- ◆ Please pray for Robin Magenot, Deacon George and Paige's daughter for healing comfort and strength.
- ◆ Pray for Suzy Cano for healing, comfort and strength.
- ◆ Please continue your prayers for Tony Alonzo for peace, love and endurance during this difficult time.
- ◆ Please pray for guidance, strength and comfort for Aunt Shirley and Friend Beatriz as they have transitioned to eternal life. Keep Courtney Smith and family in prayer.
- ◆ Please continue your prayers for Darla as she was released from the hospital to a new residence in Salida. Pray for peace, comfort and guidance.
- ◆ **Praise** that Rev. Deacon Nancy Key is doing well, please continue prayers for healing.
- ◆ **Praise** that Leslie Littlefield is home, please continue to pray for healing.
- ◆ Joan Miller for healing, comfort, strength, courage and peace as she goes through her cancer treatment.

- ◆ Christine Judd is now awaiting a decision from USCF, Neurology, as to the next course of action. A cat-scan and blood work is now pending. Please pray for her healing and comfort.
- ◆ Continue your prayers for James Hines (Christine Jaynes's Son) Pray for healing of his eye issue as treatments continue.
- ◆ Please pray for Bonnie Palmer's brother Sam, for healing as he goes through treatment for his heart.
- ◆ Please pray for Zach Statzer (Jeni's son) that his treatment will be successful. Pray also for his safe travel to Africa in July.
- ◆ Please pray for healing, comfort, strength and guidance for Susan Sell as she faces medical challenges.
- ◆ **Praise** that Michael Thorington's surgery was successful. Please pray for continued comfort and healing.
- ◆ Continue to pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law. Pray for strength to endure what is ahead and for her complete recovery. Also, for peace for her family and friends.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law as she awaits a transplant. Pray for healing, comfort, guidance and strength
- ◆ Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis.
- ◆ **Praise** that the Munroe's health is improving. Please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- ◆ Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- ◆ Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in someway.
- ◆ Please pray for our Vestry.
- ◆ Please continue your prayers for the search committee.
- ◆ Please pray for safety for all travelers.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.



Meetings, News and Needs

- ☞ Jeni, our Parish Administrator is back from her vacation.
- ☞ There will be a basket in the narthex for ***the Shower Shuttle***, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.
- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ Choir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- ☞ If you are interested in playing hand bells, please contact Judy Teter. Contact info on page 19.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- ☞ There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Also, watch for upcoming events we will be sponsoring and consider attending to show our love.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy.
- ☞ There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- ☞ Jump Start is on vacation and will start up again in August.



Thank you Rex for your very interesting talk on Ukraine during the coffee hour after last Sunday's service. It was very informative and I hope that people will use the information that you printed and handed out to figure out how they can be of help to the people of Ukraine.

Welcome back Jeni! We all missed you and hope that you had a wonderful, well deserved vacation!



June Ministry Schedule

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary	Judy T	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Sarah H Joyce B	Judy T Steph HW	Barbara V Judy T	Ann M Christine J
Intercessor	Vickie W	Carolyn L	Sarah H	Nancy S
Greeters	Carolyn L Phil M	Ishmael H Sarah H	Phil M Christine J	Claudine R David L
Vestry Rep	Vickie W	Carolyn L	Sarah H	Nancy S

Have you ever thought of joining the Altar Guild? Do you know what the Altar Guild does?



The Guild is responsible for setting the table for the Lord's supper and is done with reverence. This includes our regular Sunday Communion, memorial services, weddings, etc. The changing of colors in the hangings and falls during the different celebrations of our worship is also a part of the Guild's functions. Come and see us after the service in the Guild Sacristy to learn how you might become a part of this wonderful service to the Church. This invitation is extended to both women and men.

Elaine Paradis and Toni Clark
Co-Directresses

Recycling at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.



On July 13th Zach Statzer will be traveling to Johannesburg, South Africa to spread the gospel to student athletes. He has partnered with Athletes In Action, a Christian organization, to make disciples in South Africa. Join us in prayer for safe travels and that people would have their hearts and minds open to hearing the gospel in Johannesburg. If you would like to donate to the mission you can do so by writing a check to "Athletes in Action" or by giving at

give.cru.org/1194266. All donations go directly the cost of the mission and are tax deductible. Please keep Zach and all the other missionaries in your prayers.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Were you aware that St. Paul's has a Morning Prayer Service? WE DO! It meets each Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. on Zoom. The Order of Prayer Service is emailed to each participant as well as the zoom link.

The Morning Prayer Service we use is from the Book of Common Prayer.

The service lasts approximately 30 minutes. Sometimes people stay on zoom longer to discuss the service or fellowship.

Please join us! If you are interested, contact Judy Thorkelson
jthork2404@aol.com



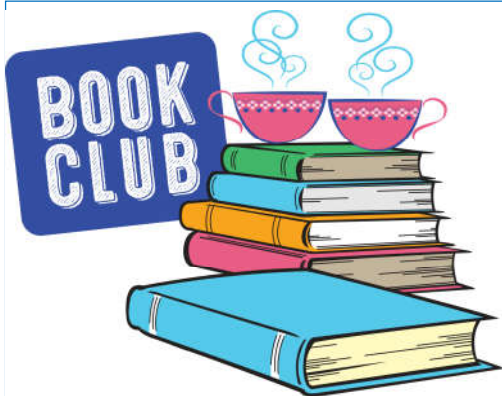
Stewardship Campaign

Our Stewardship Campaign, Rooted in Abundance, will have a kick-off church picnic in August. Please keep your eyes out for more information coming soon.



Knit One, Pray Too

has been hard at work cleaning out their closet in the Parish Hall. As a result of all this hard work, there is an abundance of yarn that they would like to have put to use. This yarn will be available this Sunday and next Sunday out in the Narthex. Stop by and see if you find anything that you might like to knit or crochet into something. Their project this year is hats and scarves for dock workers. Check it out.



St. Paul's Book Club

St. Paul's Book Club meets the first and third Fridays of every month at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

We normally read faith based books and discuss them but this summer we will be studying two selections from Holy Scripture, Philippians and Ephesians and then return to books

in the fall. All meetings are on Zoom.

We would love to have new people join us! If you are interested, contact

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The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. There are still a few dates that have not been taken. Please check it out.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.

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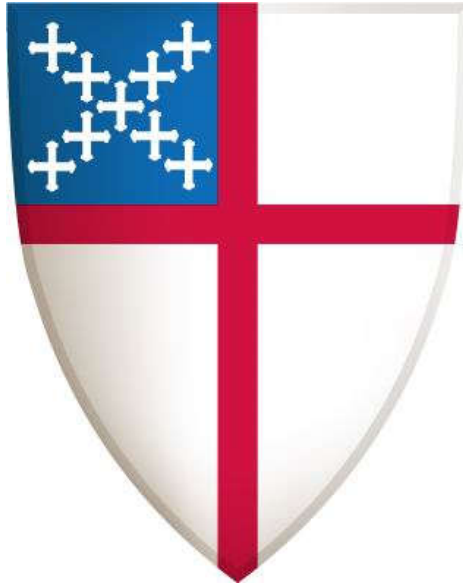
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