Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023



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 #372 Praise to the living God

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.





Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awe-some is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

- ¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
 ² You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
 ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
 ⁴ You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
 ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
 ⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

⁸ If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

- ⁹ Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.
- ¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"
- ¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you;
 - the night is as bright as the day; *
- darkness and light to you are both alike.
- ²² Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.
- ²³ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴For in hope we were

saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #424 For the fruit of all creation

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Lyn Morlan

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 #290 Come, ye thankful people, come



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



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



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 God:__have mer-cy on_____ Je-sus, Lamb of Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have us.____ 7 mer - cy on us._ Je sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the 12 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 #302 Father, we thank thee

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 Levas #120 Sweet, sweet Spirit

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 Barbara Vassell in memory of her mother.



Prayer and Praise as of 7-17-2023

Show Please pray for healing, recovery and patience for Louise McCoskey after her latest shoulder surgery.

Show Please pray for Sam Burton (brother of Bonnie Palmer) he is having heart complications. Pray for healing and the tests he is currently undergoing.

- Please pray for Kirstin Halstad (colleague of Joyce and Ellen Bell) her young daughter was killed last week. May God's comfort and peace give her strength during this time.
- Shristine Judd is awaiting future testing to determine the next course of action. Please pray for her continued healing and comfort.
- So Tony Alonzo continued prayers for peace and love.
- Prayers for Rosalie Carmody for healing, comfort and strength.
 She has moved into her new apartment.
- So Zach Statzer, please prayer for him on his mission in Africa.
- Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law as she awaits a transplant, please pray for healing, comfort, guidance and strength.
- Second Collier, please pray for continuing healing and comfort.
- See Please pray for healing, peace, comfort and guidance for Darla.
- Prayer for Doug Welsch as he heals from an operation for a broken hip for healing, comfort and peace. Please also pray for his beloved wife, Tami.
- Prayer for Theresa Grieshaber as she awaits surgery on August 25th. May Theresa be comfortable and strong.
- See Please pray for the country of Ukraine and citizens.
- See Pray for Wisdom for all nations leadership.

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Clergy Homily	Rev. Kathie	Morning Prayer	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T
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Vestry Rep	Judy T	Linda L	Vickie W	Carolyn L	Vickie W

July Ministry Schedule



Stewardship Committee Report

The Stewardship Committee met on Sunday, June 11th and started planning for the upcoming stewardship campaign "Rooted in Abundance." You'll hear more from us in the coming weeks, but for now please put

these two important dates on your calendar:

Sunday, July 30th -- Coffee Hour and discission immediately following the service

Sunday, August 27th --The annual Parish Picnic will be held on the front church lawn immediately following the service. There will be good food and fun games for all ages!



Meetings, News and Needs

Show If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.

So 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 ra-

zors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.

See Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.

- Shoir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- So If you are interested in playing hand bells, contact Judy Teter.
- So The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- Shere 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.
- If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- Shif you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy.
- Shere are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson <u>jthork2404@aol.com</u>



On July 13th Zach Statzer left to go 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 Afri-

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

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.



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

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

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Roberta Bearden, Sarah Hartmann, Carolyn List, Linda Lowe, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry) Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List





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