Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1528 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA 95355 - 209-522-3267 www.saintpaulsmodesto.org The Transfiguration of our Lord August 6, 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

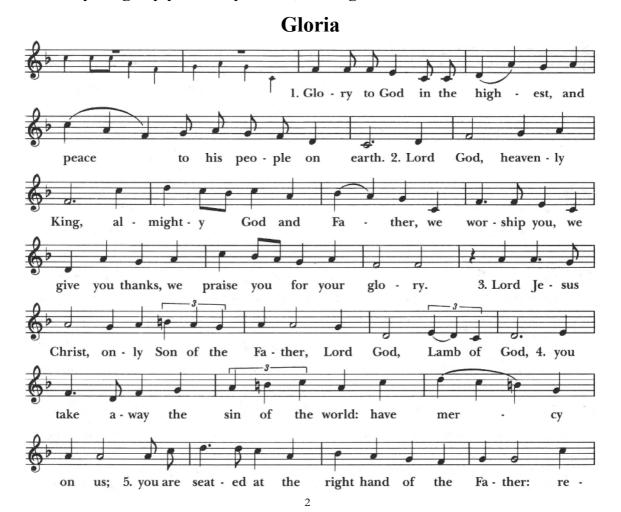
Prelude

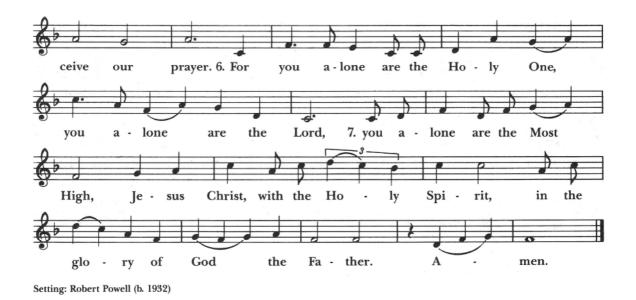
Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #427 When morning gilds the sky

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.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your wellbeloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.
³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he

gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 99

¹ The Lord is King; let the people tremble: *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

² The Lord is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.

³ Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

⁴ "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

- ⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- ⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- ⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:13-21

¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory,¹⁴since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #383 Fairest Lord Jesus

The Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling

white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Dondi

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.

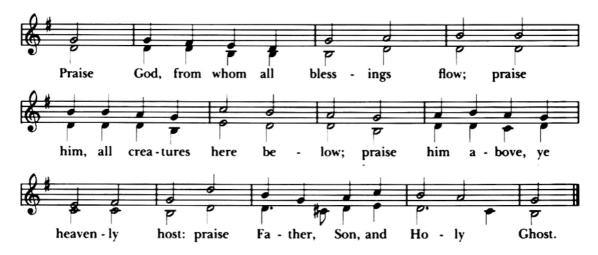
Prayer for the Sick

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 #137 O wondrous type, O vision fair



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

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 in-

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

finite 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 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 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 #321 My God, thy table now is spread

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 #542 Christ is the world's true light

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 Nancy Silva in memory of her father, ray Neufeld



Prayer and Praise as of 7-31-2023

 ∽ Please pray for Neil (Rev. Lyn's brother) he has been in the hospital for 5 weeks.
 Prayers for wisdom and guidance for his medical team, healing and comfort.

Show Pray healing and comfort for Roxie Bavaria (Anita Machado's brother)

See Pray for Craig Persons, may his medical

team have the wisdom and guidance to put him on the journey of complete healing. Please pray for patience and comfort.

- Praise & thanksgiving for Bonnie Palmers operation success. May her healing continue, and her pain subside.
- Praise for Zach Statzer coming home from his pilgrimage safely and inspired.
- Pray for Linda Lowe's Aunt Mudge. She "shredded" a muscle and will be going to a rehab facility to heal.
- Show Please pray for healing, recovery and patience for Louise McCoskey after her latest shoulder surgery.
- Please pray for Sam Burton (brother of Bonnie Palmer) he is having heart complications. Pray for healing and the tests he is currently undergoing.
- 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.
- Show Prayer for Theresa Grieshaber as she awaits surgery on August 25th. May Theresa be comfortable and strong.
- Show Praise that Pam Cox's surgery went well. Continue to pray for healing.

	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Morning Prayer	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary
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Vestry Rep	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H	Judy T

August Ministry Schedule



Fun Fundraiser

St. Paul's is planning a "lottery" fund-raiser. The drawing will be held during the Stewardship Picnic on August 27. Ticket sales will start in July.

Tickets will be \$10 each. The main prize will be \$1000; second and third prizes will be \$150 and \$100 respectively. This means that we

will need to sell at least 125 tickets to cover the prizes. However, last time we held our lottery in 2021 we sold over 400 tickets. Just think! Your odds of winning are way, way, way more likely than winning Power Ball or Super Lotto Plus.

See Carolyn List for your tickets! Don't miss out!!!



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.

- So Solution Solut
- Shoir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- ∽ 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>

Linda's Mixed Berry Jam 2023



Back by popular demand! Jam made from some of the best berries our valley produces! While supplies last, get a 16 oz. jar of jam for the bargain price of \$10. Sorry...no Venmo or American Express cash or a check made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "jam" in the memo section. Contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or

lwlowe@outlook.com today!

Linda will GLADLY accept any jars that need recycling.



News about Diocesan events and weekly spiritual encouragement are available at the Diocese of San Joaquin website, <u>https://www.diosanjoaquin.org</u>. The "Friday Reflection" is available through the "News and Resources" link. To receive the Friday Reflection directly to your in-box, sign up via the link at the top of the Home page.

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. CREATION CARE

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.



St. Paul's Family Picnic!

The Stewardship and Picnic Planning Committees invite you to the St. Paul's Family Picnic to be held on Sunday, August 27th immediately following the 10:00am service. Come and enjoy delicious picnic food including hot dogs and pulled pork bar-

becue sandwiches. Our stewardship theme this year is "ROOTED in Abundance" and we will be celebrating that with ROOT beer floats. You can contribute -- we will be having a silent dessert auction! There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to bring a favorite dessert to be auctioned. You can also bring your sense of fun as there will be games for all ages. Be sure to wear comfortable picnic clothes to enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship. See you all on August 27th

Sunday School is Starting Again In Person

Starting Sunday, September 10th, in-person Sunday school for our youth, elementary through high School will resume. The youth are invited to gather in the Sunday School room, inside the main sanctuary after the processional hymn. They will return to the regular service during the offertory hymn.

We will need two adult volunteers to lead the Sunday School each week. Please let Chuck Sheaffer know if you are willing to help. You can call at 209-765-1214 or email cbshea@pacbell.net. All volunteers will be



required to take the safeguarding training provided online through the diocese. Please contact Chuck if you have any questions.

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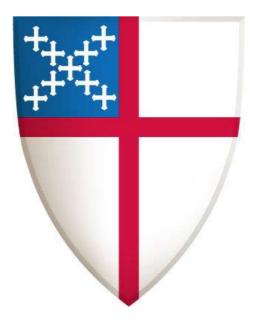
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Roberta Bearden, Sarah Hartmann, Carolyn List, Linda Lowe, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

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





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