

# **Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

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***Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

***September 22, 2024***



## **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.

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

**Opening Hymn #390 Praise to the Lord, the almighty**

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

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

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 The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Lessons

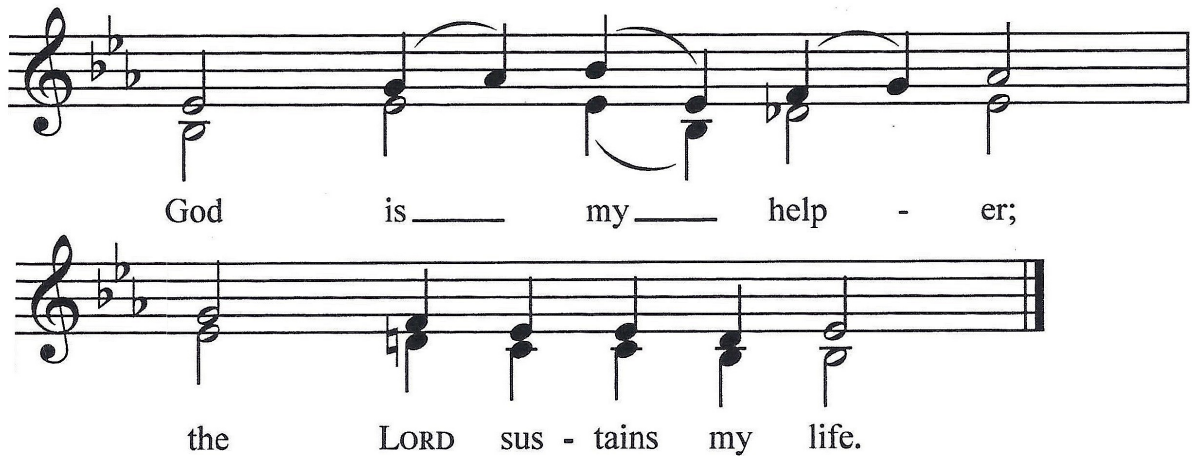
*The first lesson is from Jeremiah 11:18-20*

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.  
But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"  
But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 54**



God is my help - er;  
the LORD sus - tains my life.

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

*The second reading is from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet

something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #490 I want to walk as a child of the light**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:30-37*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon: Deacon Greg Masztal**

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

### **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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

**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 thy peace which passeth 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

### **Offertory Sentence**



Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Hymn #660 O Master, let me walk with thee**

## **The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

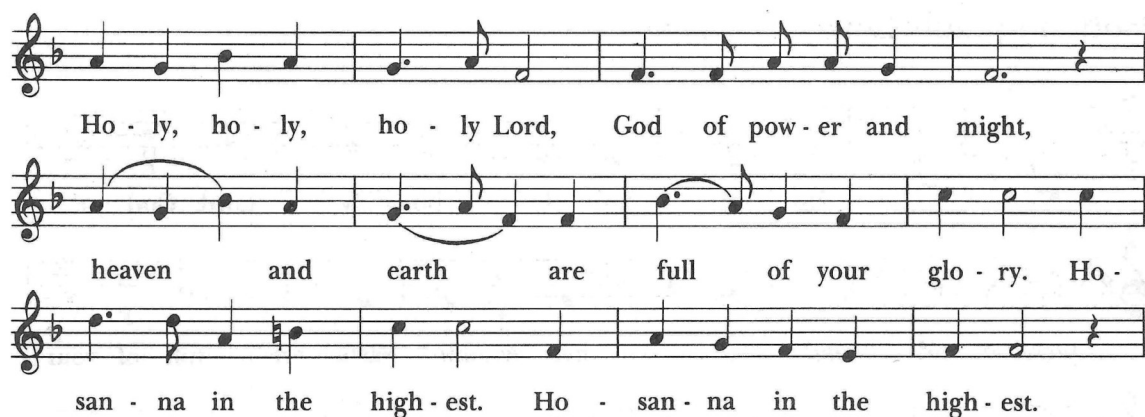
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **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)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of

praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-owed 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-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,  
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-li-ver us from  
e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the  
glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have  
 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.

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.

*Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. All are welcome at God's table. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.*

**Communion Hymn Levas #118 Spirit Song**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn Levas #184 Blessed Assurance**

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia. Grace be with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go in peace.

**We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

## *Sunday School*

Sunday School has started! Students from elementary to high school are encouraged to join us. We will meet in the Sunday School room at the entrance of the church after the reading of the Gospel. Students will return to the church service for the offertory hymn.

We are planning on a "fellowship fun day" in September or October. This is a time to invite a friend and have a fun time together. Last year, we gathered together at John's Incredible Pizza. We are open to suggestions for our next "fellowship fun day" location.

Looking forward to a fun and active year.

Blessings, Chuck Sheaffer

## *MoPride in the Park*

September 28, Noon-5 pm, Graceada Park, Modesto.

St. Paul's will have an information table. Come, meet and greet the attendees. Help spread the word that St. Paul's welcomes all people to come worship together.

Contact the church office, 209-522-3267, to sign up for a few hours or all afternoon.

Let's enjoy the fun together!

## *Modesto Police Department Town Hall*

Thursday, October 3, 6-8 pm

The Modesto Police Department invites you to come meet members of your Area Command Division as well as directors from other City departments such as Community and Economic Development, Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Public works and the City Manager's Office. Spend an evening with us getting to know your City representatives and the services we can provide.

## **Midweek Eucharist**

Thursday, Eucharist service, 10 am in the side chapel of the church.  
First Thursday of the month, Rite I. All are welcome.

Contact the church office, 209-522-3267, with questions.

## ***Knit 1, Pray 2***

***Knit 1, Pray 2*** will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 1 pm. If you are interested in learning how to knit, we have a great teacher and we have all the supplies you will need.

Gayle Ivy 209-505-3142

## **Fr. Brian Schedule**

Fr. Brian is in the office usually on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He can be contacted by phone, text or email (see contact page). Monday is his day off so please only call if it is important. Fr. Brian is happy to catch up with people for a conversation over breakfast, coffee or whatever suits.

## ***Coffee Hour-Parish Hall after Worship***

Enjoy coffee or tea and something delicious each week in the Parish Hall. Spend a little time getting to know your Christian brothers and sisters before heading out to enjoy your Sunday.



**For Health, Peace and Comfort:**

Cherie Sheaffer; Claudine Romegialli; Pam & Mike Cox; Suzy Cano; Elaine Paradise; Deacon George; Ann Mootz's sister-in-law; Mary Kinnaman; Michael Thorington; Ismael Huggins; Kristina & Rozy Frias; Ken & Trish Hart; Mary Griffin; Joshua Trautmann; Christine Judd; Craig Persons, Marti Persons; Danielle Verges; Christine Jayne; Howard Grieshaber; Brett Wychoff; Lisa; Rosanna; Jim and Annamary; Isla Galicia; Dennis Haglan; Keith & Ginny Munroe; Polly

**Praise God:**

The many ways God answers our prayers.

**Please Pray For:**

Murray & Gayle Ivy as Michelle Ivy transitioned to Heaven.

Gabe Trautmann for success in his job search.

Ally Young for success in her job search.

Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere: Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.

Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will in their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

Please pray for all travelers as they journey to and from their destinations.

Please see the weekly email for the entire list.

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

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



The flowers at the altar today  
are given by *Nancy Silva* to the Glory of God  
and in memory of her brother, *George Neufield*.



The Gospel invites us to Walk in Love with our neighbor in their footsteps, with the outcast and the marginalized, with those who need us. As we spread the Good News in our world, we carry the love and support of our congregation and our prayers into our communities. When you share your many gifts with your neighbors, every step is walking in love. St. Paul's Stewardship Campaign starts in October.

## Ministry Schedule, September 2024

Dates	Sept 1st	Sept 8th	Sept 15th	Sept 22nd	Sept 29th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian Dc. Greg	Rev. Kathie
Aco-lytes	Judy T.	Judy T. Nancy S.	Jim P. Nancy S.	Judy T. Nancy S.	Judy T. Nancy S.
Eucha-ristic Minis-ter	Judy T.	Nancy S.	Stephanie G.	Judy T.	Stephanie G.
Lectors	Stepha- nie H-W Linda L.	Alex S. Joyce B.	Judy T. Stephanie G.	Ann M. Barbara V.	Christine J. Nancy S.
Inter-cessor	Judy	Nancy	Sarah	Luis	Ann
Ushers	Lora B. Phil M.	Claudine David L.	Carolyn L. Claudine	Greg B. Susan S.	Phil M. David L.
Greet-ers	Lora B. Phil M.	Christine Claudine	Carolyn L. Claudine	Greg B. Susan S.	Phil M. Christine J.
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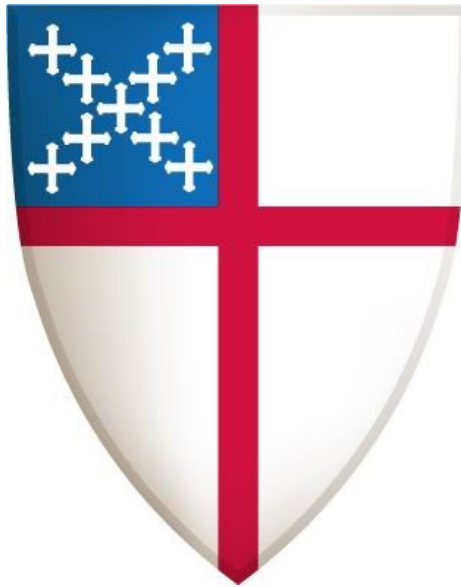
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Lora Burnett, Sarah Hartmann, Linda Lowe, Luis Martinez-Iller, Ann Mootz,  
Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, and Judy Teter.

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer

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