

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

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***The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost  
November 16, 2025***



## **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 #680 "O God, our help in ages past"

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

Glory to God for ever and ever.

### 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)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The first lesson is from Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who reverence my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

*The second reading is from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #615 “Thy kingdom come”**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:5-19*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon: Bishop David Rice**

**Presentation and Examination of the Confirmation Candidates**

*The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*The candidates and their presenter come forward and stand before the Bishop, to whom they are presented with the following words:*

Bishop David, I present Lisa Marie Bolig, Daniel Patrick Bolig, Henry Harrison Bolig, Evelyn Josephine Bolig and Julia June Bolig for Confirmation.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

**I do.**

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as



yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these *persons* who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Fr Brian leads the prayers*

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (Lisa / Dan / Evelyn / Julia / Henry) with your Holy Spirit; empower *her/him* for your service; and sustain *her/him* all the days of *her/his* life. Amen.

*After all are Confirmed the Bishop prays*

Almighty and everliving God, let your loving hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The newly Confirmed are presented to the congregation and welcomed with exclamation!*

*The Peace is then exchanged*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn WLP #778 “We all are one in mission” (insert)**

**Doxology**

### **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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior

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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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-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-es, 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. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the  
 glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

### *The bread is broken*

**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  
 mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the  
 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.

Come, for all things are now ready.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.*

**Communion Hymn #321 “My God, thy table now is spread”**

**Extending Our Eucharistic Gathering**

*A representative of the parish’s Eucharistic Visitors comes forward to receive the bread and wine reserved for those who are sick or otherwise unable to join us in person.*

In the name of us all at St Paul’s Episcopal Church, we send our Eucharistic Visitors forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom they go may share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ’s body and blood. May they with whom these gifts are shared remain bound to us, and we to them.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,**

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us with Christ and one another;**

**and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #594 “God of grace and God of glory”**

**Go now to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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## **Coming Events and News**

### **St. Paul’s Office Closure**

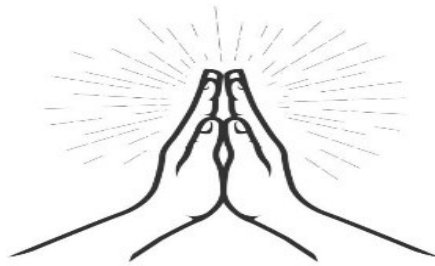
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27

### **Bishop’s Discretionary Fund**

The visit by Bishop David gives us the opportunity to contribute towards the Discretionary Fund. Please find the envelopes in your bulletin and make checks out to The Diocese of San Joaquin with Bishop’s Discretionary Fund on the memo. The office staff will send those to the Diocese.

### **Farewell Gift for Bishop David**

The Diocese is collecting donations towards a gift for Bishop David as he retires early in 2026. Anyone may contribute to this gift either with cash or check. Any checks should be made out to the Diocese of San Joaquin with Bishop David Retirement Gift in the memo.



## **Prayer and Praise**

### **Remember those who have asked for our prayers**

Paige, Priscella, Bonnie, Susan, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Cherie, Annamary, Ginny, Keith, Bill, Mike, Jose, Rex S., Lora, Hennie, Kevin, Dorothy, Murray, Gina, James, Brandi, Darlene, Louise, Theresa, Tony, Ellen, Christine, Mindy, Ivy, Diane, Tony

#### **Those who have passed away:**

Donna Lawler

Donnie Lawler

#### **Those in the Military:**

CPT Sam Birch, USA

CPT Fred Campbell, USAF

CPT Jenavieve Campbell, USAF

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

SGT Carson Repan, USAF

LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

#### **Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:**

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens & Knit One, Pray Two





The flowers at the altar today  
are given to  
The Glory of God by Nancy Silva in Celebration of her  
husband, Norm's Birthday

### **Needs and News**

#### ***Summit CARES—A Community Initiative***

Matthew Antirien, in his position as President of Venturing Crew 51, has partnered with the Modesto Gospel Mission to create 2,000 care packages for people experiencing homelessness. Matthew needs:

Travel size-toothbrushes & toothpaste, disposable razors & shaving cream, shampoo, body wash, lotion, deodorant, hand soap.

Also-menstrual pads, combs, socks.

Look for the donation barrel in the church through this week.

Questions? Contact Matthew at 209-480-4645.

### **Cookie Walk 2025**

Cookie Walk 2025 is planned for Saturday, December 6th, and will include more than the yummy cookies. The day will include pictures with Santa, music by various artists, multiple vendors, raffle prizes, craft time, and much more!

The sign up sheet is in the narthex, offering multiple opportunities to help make this day successful. Of course, *we need LOTS of cookies!*

See Linda Lowe at church or in the office for tickets-\$12 per baker's dozen of our best sweets!

## November 2025 Ministry

Dates	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>
Clergy	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Bp. David Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg
Acolytes	Alex S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Evelyn B.	Jim P. Judy T. Evelyn B.	Nancy S. Carlos I.	Joyce B. Gabe T.
Eucharistic Minister	Linda L.	Joyce B.		Alex S. Sarah H.	Judy T.
Lectors	Alex S. Stephanie H-W.	Ann M. Nancy S.	Judy T. Joyce B.	Linda L. Ann M.	Stephanie H-W. Judy T.
Intercessor	Peter K.	Ann M.	Sarah H.	Courtney S.	Joyce B.
Ushers	Peter K. Claudine R.	Ann M. Carolyn L.	Claudine R. David L.	Courtney S. Claudine R.	David L. Carolyn L.
Greeters	Peter K. Lynelle H.	Ann M. Carolyn L.	Sarah H. Lynelle H.	Courtney S. Claudine R.	David L. Carolyn L.
Vestry Rep.	Peter K.	Ann M.	Sarah H.	Courtney S.	Joyce B.
Coffee Hour Host	Matthew, Jamie & Atlas	Sarah and Joyce	Lunch w/Bishop David	Linda L.	Jose C. Peter K.
Sunday School	Evelyn B.	Sarah H.	Confirmations	Ann M.	Evelyn B.

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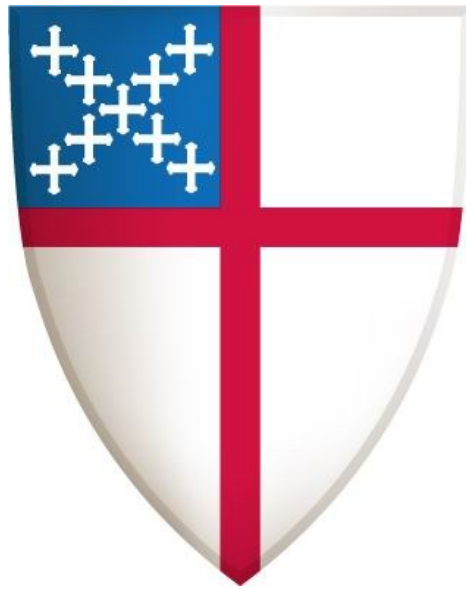
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