

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

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***The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost  
November 9, 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 Levas #1 "Lift every voice and sing"

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

The first lesson is from Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead

they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,

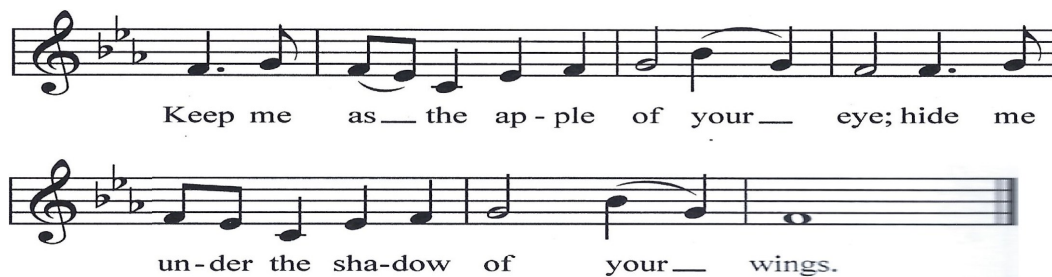
whom I shall see on my side,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17:1-9



1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, \*  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

*The second reading is from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for sal-

vation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #608 “Eternal Father strong to save”**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 20:27-38*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any-

more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon: Fr. Brian Dawson**

*Stillness - the prayer bowl rings to take us in and out of a time of stillness and reflection.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **Reconciliation**

*The Deacon calls us to confession.*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence.*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

**Amen.**

*The Priest proclaims God's forgiveness.*

## **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.**

## **Blessings and Celebrations**

### **Birthday Prayer**

**God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen**

### **Anniversary Prayer**

**Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides.**

**Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge this day.**

**May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.**



### **Prayer for Those We Love**

**Gracious God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn #372 “Praise to the living God”**

**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.

### *Preface of the Lord's Day*

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 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, 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.

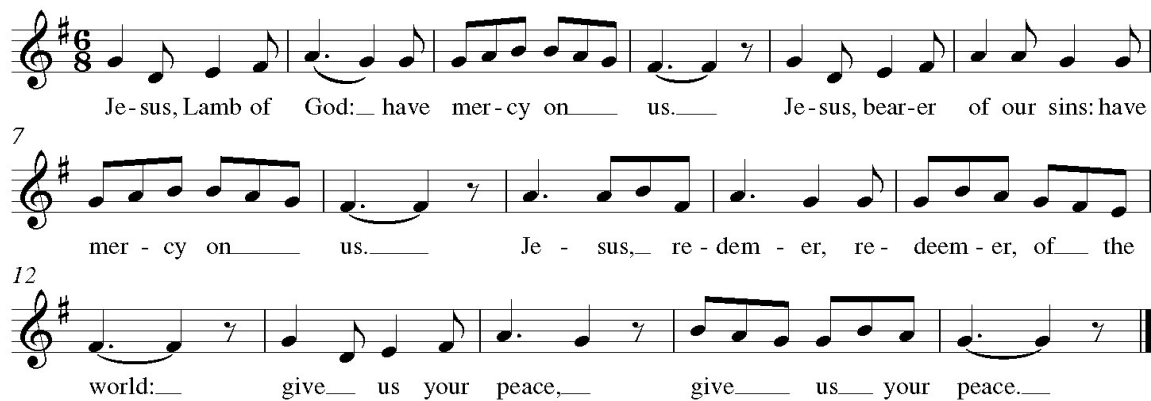
All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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**



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 Levas #149 “In remembrance of me”**

**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 #719 “America the beautiful”**

**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 Closures**

Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27

**November 16 - Bishop David's Final Visit** - next Sunday Bishop David will be with us for the last time and we will be farewelling him in true Modesto style.

During the service we will join in celebrating the Confirmations of Dan, Lisa, Evelyn, Julia and Henry Bolig. Please keep this family in your prayers. We will also be presenting Bishop David with Modesto-themed gifts and the waiata (song) we have been practicing.

Following the service we will have a shared lunch. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex saying whether you will bring a soup or a salad (we need more salads!) or you can contact Linda in the office with that information.

### **Stanislaus Interfaith Council Celebration of Gratitude Thursday November 13th, 6-8:30 pm Modesto Church of the Brethren, 2301 Woodland Ave**

Featured speakers include Mayor Sue Zwahlen, Police Chief Branden Gill, Representatives from Modesto Area Congregations and Organizations, MJC President Dr. Brian Sanders, and other elected officials.

Come—Let's Give Thanks Together

**Fr Brian and Deacon Greg away** - Fr Brian and Deacon Greg will be at Clergy Conference from Tuesday to Friday this week. For any pastoral needs during this time please call Stephanie Gilmer.



## **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, Rossana, Tony, Ellen

#### **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 & Altar Guild





The flowers at the altar today  
are given to  
The Glory of God, Thankful for His Love and Many  
Blessings

### **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 next week.

Questions? Contact Matthew at 209-480-4645.

#### **ECCO Thanksgiving Celebration**

Join ECCO in celebrating Thanksgiving without the hassle! The expert kitchen staff will be preparing turkey, prime rib and ham with all the trimmings, desserts and beverages. Prices are: \$55-adults, \$30-children age 4-11, children under 4-free!

*10:45 am*-Holy Eucharist with Fr. Brian celebrating

*12:30 pm*-Appetizers, *1 pm*-Dinner with games and relaxation

Reservations needed before November 13th. Contact ECCO at [www.eccoyosemite.org](http://www.eccoyosemite.org) or 559-683-8162.

## 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.	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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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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