

3 You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness."

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the
godly.

The Epistle Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.
Please pray for: *Jerry Harrison, Jerry Tillery*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

July 27, Sun. 2:00 p.m.-Join us at Greenville Gardens as we sing and minister to the residents.

July 29, Tues. 6:30 p.m.-Ladies Nite Out at Panera Bread

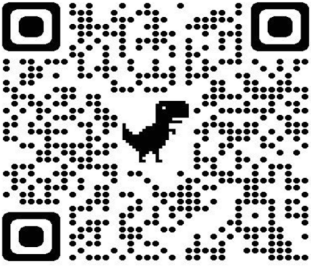
Aug. 9, Sat. 10:00a.m. –Sons of the American Revolution Mtg.

Aug. 12, Tues. 6:00 p.m.– School Board Meeting

- At the July Vestry meeting, the Vestry:
- Heard that Fr. Funk attended Safety Team training as a part of Continuing Education effort.
 - Heard that the Wardens will cover Pastoral Care issues (visitation, etc.)
 - Heard that the Sr. Warden proposed celebrating St. Paul's 130 year anniversary in 2026.
 - Heard that the Jr. Warden is de-cluttering the storage building and selling unneeded items.
 - Heard that playground mulch was delivered to the school.
 - Heard that invoices over 30 days past due will be published on a monthly basis.
 - Heard that the Finance Committee had an orientation meeting.
 - Heard that the Outreach Committee held a birthday party for the Lakes Regional Home for Women.
 - Heard that the Audit Committee is active and making progress.
 - Heard that the Stewardship Committee is organized and functioning.
 - Heard that the organist job will be offered to an applicant.
 - Heard that the land sale effort has picked up.
 - Financials:
 - Income: \$7,642 in June; \$96,263 YTD
 - Expense: \$17,127 in June; \$116,115 YTD
 - Profit (Loss) monthly & YTD: (\$9,485) in June; (\$19,852) YTD

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July 13:
Sunday Offering: \$1,135.00
Attendance: 32



Cover Art

Joachim Beuckelaer, *The Well-Stocked Kitchen with Jesus in the house of Martha and Mary in the background* (Amsterdam: Rijksmuseum, 1566), oil on panel.

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Debbie McClain, *Parish Administrator*

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11
July 20, 2025

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.mADULT CATECHESIS
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.NURSERY OPEN
10:30 a.m.HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.MORNING PRAYER I
10:00 a.m.CHILDREN’S CHAPEL
10:30 a.m.MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 p.m.BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday, July 20th

Lector/LEM: Jim Pence
Acolyte: David Kirklin
Vestry Person of the Day: Matt Wolff, Jeff Faunce
Intercessory Prayer: Laurel Pence
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Chris Wolff;
Audio-Dana Medford; Cameras-Jacob
Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison;
Alternate-Jennifer Faunce

Next Sunday, July 27th

Lector/LEM: Jim Pence
Acolyte: Matt Wolff
Vestry Person of the Day: Elizabeth Porter, David Kirklin
Intercessory Prayer: Elizabeth Porter
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Chris Wolff;
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Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison,
Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

Life—the temptation is always to reduce it to size. A bowl of cherries. A rat race. Amino acids. Even to call it a mystery smacks of reductionism. It is the mystery.
As far as anybody seems to know, the vast majority of things in the universe do not have whatever life is. Sticks, stones, stars, space—they simply are. A few things are and are somehow alive to it. They have broken through into Something, or Something has broken through into them. Even a jellyfish, a butternut squash. They're in it with us. We're all in it together, or it in us. Life is it. Life is with.
After lecturing learnedly on miracles, a great theologian was asked to give a specific example of one. "There is only one miracle," he answered. "It is life."
Have you wept at anything during the past year?
Has your heart beat faster at the sight of young beauty?
Have you thought seriously about the fact that someday you are going to die?
More often than not, do you really listen when people are speaking to you instead of just waiting for your turn to speak?
Is there anybody you know in whose place, if one of you had to suffer great pain, you would volunteer yourself?
If your answer to all or most of these questions is no, the chances are that you're dead.
-Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking* and later in *Beyond Words*

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #423
Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)
Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis H #S280
The Collect BCP 231
The Lessons
The First Reading Amos 8:1-12
The Psalm Psalm 52
The Epistle Colossians 1:15-28
Gospel Hymn H #711
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness
(Seek Ye First)
Gospel Luke 10:38-42
Sermon “One Lord, Different Callings”
The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III) BCP 387
The Confession BCP 360
The Peace BCP 360
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn H #307
Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor (Bryn Calfaria)
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
Agnus Dei H #S157
Communion Hymns A3 #157
Swing Low Sweet Chariot A3 #9
Alleluia
The Presentation BCP 364
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366
Recessional Hymn
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane) H #488

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)
H = Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

All baptized Christians are welcome
to receive the Holy Eucharist.

The Collect

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. Amen.

The First Reading Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by.
The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,"
says the Lord GOD;
"the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!"
Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of
Egypt?
On that day, says the Lord GOD,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.
The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,
when I will send a famine on the land;
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.
They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.

The Psalm Psalm 52
Quid gloriaris?
1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?
2 You plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.