

enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

### Vestry Highlights

At the September Vestry meeting, the Vestry:

- Heard that Fr Funk participated in the consecration of the Bishop Price on September 6 at the Church of the Incarnation. Bishop Price may visit St. Paul's sometime this Fall.
- Heard that Fr Funk is investigating Yoking with another parish or establishing an APNET organization.
- Heard that Fr Funk will skip the Sewanee Trustee meeting this year.
- Heard that the school is having a "Book Blast" fund raiser and that tuition was increased.
- Heard that the Outreach Committee is developing a format for working with Greenville Gardens ministry.
- Heard that the Stewardship Campaign has started. Pledge cards will be collected on Consecration Sunday in November.
- Heard discussions regarding financial shortfalls and land sale efforts. Land sale has been approved by Diocese Financial Committee but needs further approval from Corporation and Standing Committee.
- Heard discussion regarding using vacant land for potential solar generation farm by GEUS.
- Heard that payments are being prioritized.
- Financials:
  - Income: \$17,190.00 in August; \$127,232.00 YTD
  - Expense: \$12,264.00 in August; \$143,759.00 YTD
  - Profit (Loss) monthly & YTD: (\$4,926.00) in August; (\$16,527.00) YTD

### 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: *Edward Haines, Those murdered and injured at Annunciation Catholic School and Church in Minneapolis*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 23, Tues.** 6:30 p.m.-Ladies Nite Out at Billito's Italian Restaurant (NW corner Moulton 30)
- Sept. 24, Wed.** 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
- Sept. 25, Thurs.** 8:00 p.m.-Compline Service (access via St. Paul's Facebook Page)
- Sept. 27, Sat.** 3:00 p.m.-Windy Hill birthday party for Brittany at 5307 Windy Hill
- Sept. 28, Sun.** 2:00 p.m.-Join us at Greenville Gardens as we sing and minister to the residents.



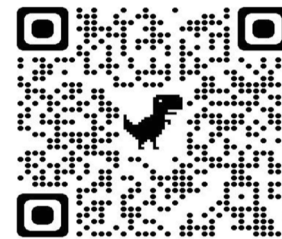
#### Today's Stewardship Pearl

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.... if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy do it cheerfully.

**Romans 12:6-8**

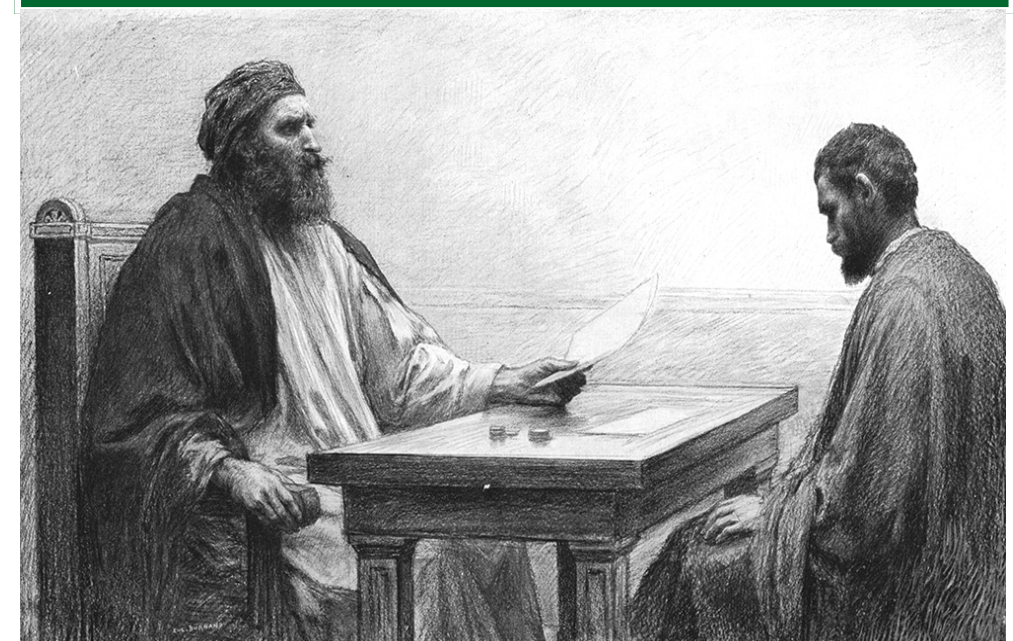
#### More Than Enough Donate Digitally!

Open your phone's camera and aim it at this QR code. This will take you directly to our donation page at [www.stpaulstx.org/giving](http://www.stpaulstx.org/giving) where you can donate to our Giving Program. Thank you for your support!



**September 14th:**  
Sunday Offering: \$355.00  
Attendance: 31  
Rummage Sale Proceeds: \$4,341.70

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*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 20*  
*September 21, 2025*

Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.m .....ADULT 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, September 21st

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

Next Sunday, September 28th

Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer  
Acolyte: Karen Smith  
Vestry Person of the Day: Frank McKee, Matt Wolff  
Intercessory Prayer: Laurel Pence  
Tech Team: Director-Dana Medford; Titles-Jeff Faunce;  
Audio-Jennifer Faunce; Cameras-Chris Wolff; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison  
  
Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison,  
Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

Yet Jesus seems to have been working with a completely different set of presuppositions about what is necessary to be a community of peace. It seems that peace is not the absence of conflict. Rather, peacemaking is the quality of life and the practices engendered by a community that knows it lives as a forgiven people. Such a community cannot afford to overlook one another's sins because they have learned that such sins are a threat not only to them but to being a community of peace.

-Stanley Hauerwas, *Jesus Changes Everything: A New World Made Possible* (Walden, NY: Plough Publishing House, 2025), 92-93.

“A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.”

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

Cover Art

Eugène Burnand, “The Dishonest Steward #1” and “The Dishonest Steward #2” in *The Parables* (Berger-Levrault: 1908), conté crayon drawing with strongly applied charcoal.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #368  
Holy Father, great Creator (Regent Square)  
Opening Sentence BCP 355  
Gloria in excelsis H #S280  
The Collect BCP 234  
The Lessons  
The First Reading Amos 8:4-7  
The Psalm Psalm 113  
The Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Gospel Hymn H #609  
What does the Lord require (Sharpthorne)  
Gospel Luke 16:1-13  
Sermon “Shrewd for Jesus’ Sake” 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 #708  
Savior, like a Shepherd lead us (Sicilian Mariners)  
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361  
Sanctus H #S129  
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364  
Agnus Dei H #S157  
Communion Hymns  
Jesus, all my gladness (Jesu, meine Freude) H # 701  
God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhondda) A3 #8  
The Presentation BCP 364  
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365  
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366  
Recessional Hymn H #594  
God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhonddda)

All baptized Christians are welcome  
to receive the Holy Eucharist.

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

The Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heav-  
enly; 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 ev-  
er. Amen.

The First Reading Amos 8:4-7

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.

The Psalm Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri  
1 Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
praise the Name of the LORD.  
2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.  
3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the LORD be praised.  
4 The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.  
5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?  
6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.  
7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.  
8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiv-  
ings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so  
that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.  
This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires  
everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there  
is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ  
Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attest-  
ed at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am  
telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and  
charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.  
So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you?  
Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my  
manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do,  
now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong