

saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



Today's Stewardship Pearl

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his
righteousness, and all these things
will be added unto you.*

Matthew 6:33

For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 1:37

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. 16, Tues.	7:00 p.m.-Vestry Meeting
Sept. 17, 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. 18, Thurs.	8:00 p.m.-Compline Service (access via St. Paul's Facebook Page)
Sept. 20, Sat.	8:00 a.m.-St. Joseph's Guild 9:00 a.m.-Daughters of the King
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

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September 7th:
 Sunday Offering: \$2,415.00
 Attendance: 42

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19
September 14, 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, September 14h

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

Next 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
Altar Guild: Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison,
Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

“I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liber-
ty, than those attending too small a degree of it.”
-Thomas Jefferson

“Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted
whenever I am contradicted.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

“For the early Christians, koinonia was not the frilly “fellowship” of church
-sponsored, biweekly bowling parties. It was not tea, cookies, and sophisti-
cated small talk in Fellowship Hall after the sermon. It was an almost un-
conditional sharing of their lives with the other members of Christ’s body.”
-Ronald J. Sider

Morning Prayer Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn H #699
Jesus, lover of my soul (Aberystwyth)
Opening Acclamation BCP 78
Confession of Sin BCP 79
The Invitatory and Psalter BCP 80
The Lessons BCP 84
The First Reading Exodus 32:7-14
The Psalm Psalm 51:1-11
The Epistle 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Hymn H #653
Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Repton)

Gospel Luke 15:1-10
Sermon “Hospital for Sinners”
by The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, presented by Matt Wolff
The Apostles’ Creed BCP 96
Announcements

Offertory Hymn H #691
My faith looks up to Thee (Olivet)
The Prayers BCP 97
The Collect of the Day BCP 98
The General Thanksgiving BCP 101
Recessional Hymn H #410
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Lauda anima)
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 102

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant
that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Je-
sus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you
brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been
quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for
themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it,
and said, `These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the
land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how
stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot
against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great na-
tion."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your
wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of
Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyp-
tians say, `It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in
the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from
your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your peo-
ple. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore
to them by your own self, saying to them, `I will multiply your descendants
like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to
your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed
his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Psalm Psalm 51:1-11

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

The Epistle 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because
he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was
formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received
overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The mer-
cy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord