

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost-August 2, 2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 am



*The Mission of St. Paul's is to love God
and to love our neighbor,
sharing with gratitude and reverence the
Light of Christ.*

Services

Sunday: 8:00 am (Spoken Rite I) & 10:30 am (Rite II with Choir)

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am (via Zoom) Morning Prayer Services

Wednesday: Healing & Communion Service, 12:00 pm

St. Paul's Staff

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The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN 304 *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Today's service begins on Page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 356)

The following is sung, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM READING: PSALM 145:8-9, 15-22

Remain seated.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN 671 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound vs 1 - 3*
All stand.

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them

something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Vs 4 & 5 Sequence Hymn sung

THE SERMON

REV. CAROLYNE ADHOLA

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III (BCP p. 387)

All remain standing, kneel or sit as they can

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME OF GUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (BCP p. 362)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

All remain standing, kneel or sit as they can

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O Food to Pilgrims Given*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 709 *O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand*



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:
 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:
 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
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 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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This Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of my wife Martha Healey on our 31st wedding anniversary by Jon Healey.

Upcoming Events & News

Discretionary Fund: This Sunday the loose plate offering (gifts not designated for pledges, building, etc.) will be deposited into the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Youth & Young Families: We are having a Youth Ministry back to school celebration at the outdoor pool at the community center next Sunday August 9th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We are allowed to bring 60 people so **please RSVP** to Lora Sullins at 870-275-1572 regarding how many will be in your party so that we can plan accordingly! Pizza will be provided by Bruno's.

Sermons Online: Rev. Carolyn's sermons are now available on our website to view! You will find them in a drop-down menu on the main page under 'Online Worship'. Previous sermons are still being posted and new sermons will be posted every week.

Adult Confirmation Class: Adult Confirmation Class will begin this Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Please use the Zoom pathway that is used for Morning Prayer; go to our website, click the 'Online Worship' tab, and Join Via Zoom under Morning Prayer.

Back To School Prayers: Make sure your kiddos bring their backpacks next Sunday, August 9th to either service so they can be prayed over for the upcoming school year!

Altar Flowers: The next upcoming available date is September 20th. If you would like to reserve any of these dates, please contact Rhonda Mundy.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School is reading Adam Hamilton's book, *Christianity and World Religions*, and we will continue meeting at 9:15 each Sunday morning in the Anglican Hall. Come see what it's all about!!

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Care Team Meeting:** Next Sunday, August 9th after Coffee Hour
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, everyone is invited to the Parish House (two lefts at the bottom of the steps) for refreshments and fellowship
- **Healing & Communion Service:** Wednesdays, 12:00 pm in the Church
- **Adult Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:15 am in Anglican Hall
- **The Chosen Meetings:** Every Monday from 3:30-5:00 pm and every Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 pm
- **Dementia Caregivers Support Group:** August 11th at 2:00 pm and 13th at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church in the Parlor
- **Summer Breaks from Meeting:** ECW to resume in **October**

St. Paul's Prayer List:

Intercessions: Jamie Bridgers, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Ann & Matt Stephenson family, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Cindy Perkey, Natalie Molineaux, Marilyn Smith, Junior Kipfer, Jon Healey, and Jeraine Root.

Intercessions for Family & Friends: Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Adam M, Charlotte, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Jim Reynolds, Peggy & Dale Comer, Kristin, Georgina Mosser, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Q, James & Lois Work, Sharon Runyan, Eleanor, Linda Brewer, Sandra Coe, the Teague Family, Kera Cook & family, Gina, Linda, Autumn & Our Father's Table, Hank Pearce, Sharon Santangelo, Charli Seitz, Rebecca Little, Freddie Luther, Don Smart, Tara Nance, Eric Morea, Paula Maynard, Lu & Jan, the family of James Atwen'ga: Rev. Carolyne and Charity Mola; Howard Crosby, Becky, Nancy, Jimmy & Amber, Lindy Hopper, Andy Rhodes, Cindi Story, Maurie Ponder, Day S., Ashley, Wanda Perkey, Christine Wagnon, Scott Blackwell, Lindy Hopper, Lucy Harris, Lester & Becky Isbill, and Craig & Christie Cook.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Julie Dozier (8/2), Nikki Bittle (8/4), Collin Hetrick (8/4), Mickey Powell (8/5), and Jon & Martha Healey (8/4).

Ministers Serving this Sunday

Celebrant: Rev. Carolyne Adhola

Lay Eucharistic Minister (8:00): Sarah Harmon

Lay Eucharistic Minister (10:30): Paul Hance & Steve Massey

Lector (8:00): Matthew Thompson

Lector (10:30): Tamy Kipfer

Acolytes: Karis Ford & Savannah Crabtree

Ushers: Brenda & Nikki Bittle

Technical Support: Jon Healey

Coffee Hour: Jeraine Root

Altar Guild: Pam Baxter & Hayes Olson

Community Meal (8/5/2026): Team Wray

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-12:00 pm

The office is closed on Friday