

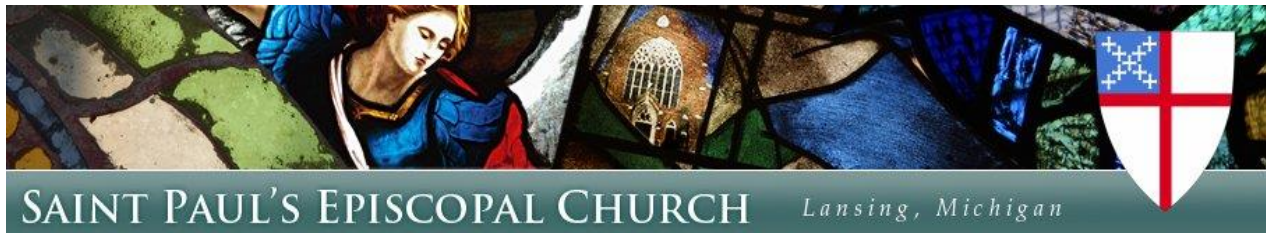
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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2024 Holy Eucharist

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THE TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - PROPER 28B
 HOLY EUCHARIST
 NOVEMBER 17, 2024

PRELUDE

Andante

Noel Rawsthorne

OPENING HYMN

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

HYMN 596

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottlichkeit eingerichtetes Meinigliches Gesangbuch*, 1693.

Officiant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.

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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Reader A Reading from the first book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods*
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;*
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me;*
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:11-14, 19-25

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

The King shall come when morning dawns

HYMN 73

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 13:1-8

Then, all standing, the clergy person reads the Gospel, first saying

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

THE NICENE CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The images of cosmic disaster in today's readings fill us with fear, but also with hope. Holy God, hear the petitions of your servants that we may find favor in your sight as we pray.

We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop and for the church, that it may always be a sign of your loving presence and a sign of hope even in the darkest of times. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of this world; illumine their minds with wisdom so as to make just and peace-filled decisions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of warfare and natural disaster, that you may comfort them in their suffering. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who suffer from loneliness or despair, especially young people, that you may give them the courage to build the future. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You raise the poor from the dust and lift the needy from the ash heap: hear our prayers for those who call to you especially those on our parish prayer list; those struggling with life-threatening diseases; those we now name either silently or aloud _____; and those who are known to you alone. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Put your laws in the hearts of this community and all elected to leadership both local and national; and write them on our minds, that we may approach one another with true hearts in full assurance of faith. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to you those who have departed. Help us to remember that in your love, all of us, those here and those gone before us, rest in hope. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Loving God, you know our hopes and fears even before we speak them; hear the prayers of your people. Help us in our struggle to stay alert that we may be ready for the hour of your coming. We ask this through Jesus, your Son. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then the Officiant and people say together

**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 our Savior 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Officiant says to the people,

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Steady Flame to Light the Dark* Angela Birkhead-Flight

OFFERTORY HYMN *"Thy Kingdom come!" on bended knee* HYMN 615

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S125

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(the People say together)*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The people stand or kneel as the Officiant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

Officiant The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Lord Most Holy

Cesar Franck arr. Hal Hopson

COMMUNION HYMN

My God, thy table now is spread

HYMN 321

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Officiant and People say together:

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
The Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O day of God, draw nigh

HYMN 601

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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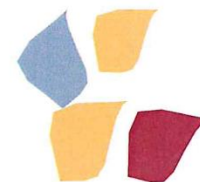
Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out with Joy!

Douglas E. Wagner

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
And in loving memory of The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Richardson on his birthday
By the Richardson family.*



As a minority member of Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, I am grateful for the opportunity to reflect on the stewardship theme and the call to “Walk in Love.” My journey to this community began nearly 30 years ago when I immigrated from Sierra Leone in West Africa to pursue a better life for myself and my family.

Since then, I have been blessed to serve in various capacities within my church and broader community. My involvement as an usher, livestream volunteer, lector, vestry chaplain, and Eucharistic minister has been a source of great joy and fulfillment. These roles have allowed me to express my dedication to the Anglican Church, a commitment that has been a central part of my life since childhood. My life’s journey has provided me with a unique perspective on the concept of stewardship. As the African proverb goes “It Takes a Village” expresses the notion that success and overcoming obstacles frequently involve the assistance, collaboration, and group effort of others, which was deeply ingrained in my upbringing and highlighted the value of community, cooperation, and teamwork in achieving long-term objectives.

This makes me aware of the value of community, the importance of supporting one another, and the power of love in transcending cultural boundaries. Stewardship, to me, is about more than just financial contributions—it is about giving of oneself, sharing one’s talents, and fostering a spirit of love and inclusivity within the community. Matthew 25:14-30 is a parable that teaches about the importance of using one’s talents or abilities wisely.

As I reflect on the phrase Walk in Love, I am reminded of the profound impact that love can have when expressed through our actions. Walking in love demonstrates care and concern for others, fosters a sense of belonging, and builds a community rooted in compassion and empathy. Through this lens of love, I approach my stewardship responsibilities, seeking to nurture a community where everyone feels seen, heard, and supported. Together, let us walk in love, embracing our differences and nurturing a community where everyone can thrive and contribute their unique gifts to the greater good. | TEUS.org

Questions for Reflection:

What is an experience of collaboration you have had in your life that demonstrates how we combine our skills to create community?



Bismarck Maddy is a parishioner at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento and walks in love with his beloved community of faith



Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	Graham Crabtree
Prayers of the People	Larry Clark
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Leslie Hall
Counters	Martha Seaman McKee, Leslie Hall
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Bob Merriman
Coffee Hour	The Parks Family
Greeters	
Recycling Team	Martha Seaman McKee
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Susan Henderson
Vestry Person of the Day	Leslie Hall

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Assisting next Sunday, November 24, 2024

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Amanda Ross
Prayers of the People	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
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Opportunities for Prayer
November 17, 2024

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Joanne, Mike, Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, Robin, Samantha, and Ian. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Kate & Andy Brent and children and John & Susie Brewster.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Lansing Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W Maple, Lansing, MI

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: St. John's, Clinton Township; St. Thomas', Gautier, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

We pray for: The Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNeil, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for the Week of
November 17, 2024 - November 23, 2024**

Today a labyrinth will be laid out after the service in the back of the church. Walking a labyrinth is an ancient way of engaging in prayer. It offers one an opportunity to walk in silence while pondering the presence of God; one may also offer prayers while walking the labyrinth.

Canterbury MSU is hosting dinner this semester! Would you like to feed our student leaders on a Thursday evening? We need a main dish we can reheat in a microwave, slow cooker, or toaster oven plus a salad or side, for 6 - 8 people. Meals can be dropped off at Canterbury (225 MAC) on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Contact the Rev. Donna McNiel at canterburymSU@gmail.com, for all the details, or go to the Sign Up link: <https://bit.ly/FeedCanterburyMSU>

Mission & Outreach: Please join us in packing lunches for Punks With Lunch today. Meet us in the Merrifield Room. Please pick up a Thanksgiving Dinner grocery lists and a turkey requests from the M&O Bulletin Board if you can help with grocery shopping.. Please bring groceries into the Merrifield Room. We will have a table ready for you. All groceries and frozen turkeys are needed next Sunday on November 24th when you come to church. Thank you for your support. We're still collecting toilet paper for First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and gently used clothing for Fretail.

Silver Bells in the City: Calling for volunteers to fill bags of popcorn and pass out popcorn at Lansing's Silver Bells in the City on November 22. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. See Barb Heany for more details. Any time after 4:00pm.

Grateful Gathering Dinner, November 26th at 6:15pm. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room. We ask you to bring your favorite dessert to share.

Advent Series: Save Tuesday evenings of 3, 10 and 17th from 6:30 - 8:00pm. More info coming. The sessions on the 3rd and 10th will be on Zoom; the 17th will be in person.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding class December 14th in the Choir Room from 10am-3pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. Please check the schedule and sign up in the Merrifield Room. Questions? Please contact John David Hawkins h012T@comcast.net.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom. The service will be posted on the St. Paul's Facebook page after being recorded. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is a space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of November 10, 2024, St. Paul's received **\$6,160** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$4,195
Operating Income	\$95
Altar Flowers	\$320
Music Program Restricted	\$50
Hill/Thingstad Restricted	\$500

<p>This Week at St. Paul's November 17, 2024 - November 24, 2024</p>

Sunday, 11/17:	9:15am 9:45am 10:00am 11:15am 11:15am 12:00pm	Donna McNeil Away Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary Coffee Hour Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch Drumming Session - Sanctuary
Monday 11/18:	6:15pm	Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30pm - Hill Room
Tuesday, 11/19:		
Wednesday, 11/20:	12:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Noon Book Study - Zoom (<i>Jesus and John Wayne</i>) Bible Study - Zoom Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 11/21:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 11/22:	4:00pm	Office Closed Silver Bells in the City - Handing out popcorn
Saturday, 11/23:	9:30am 5:00pm 7:00pm	St. Paul's Quilting Group - Downstairs classroom If Music Be The Food Rehearsal - Sanctuary If Music Be The Food Concert - Sanctuary
Sunday, 11/24:	9:15am 9:45am 10:00am 11:15am	Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary Coffee Hour

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