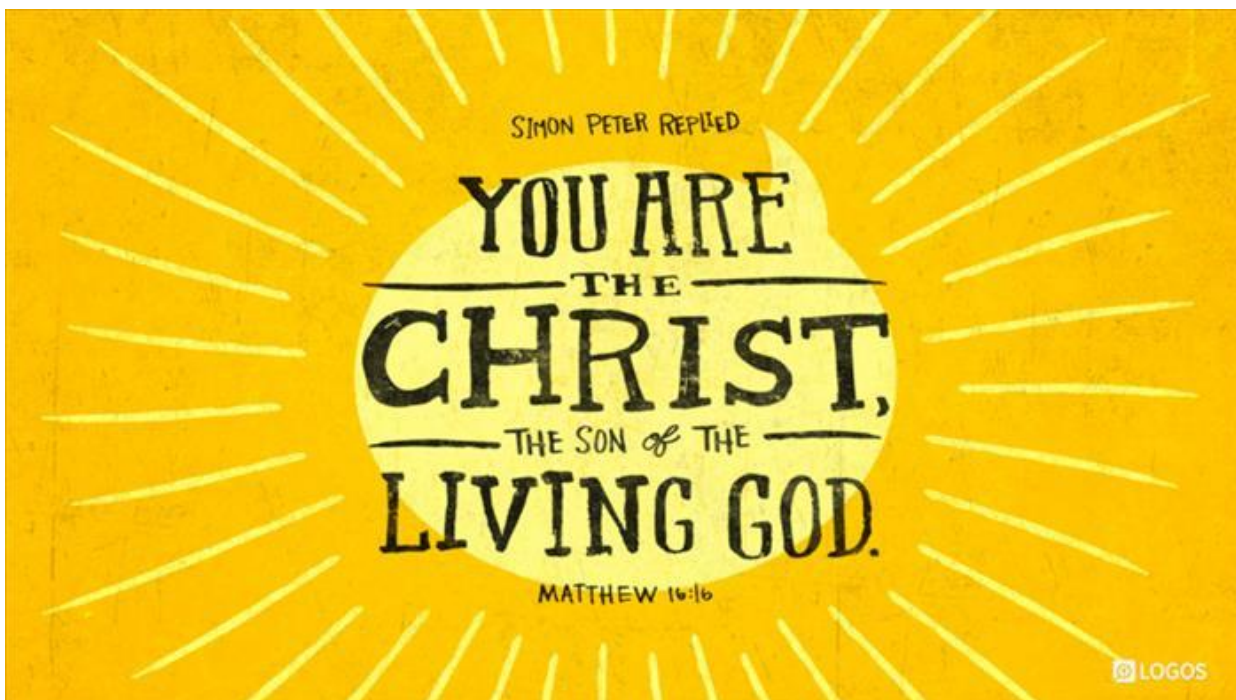




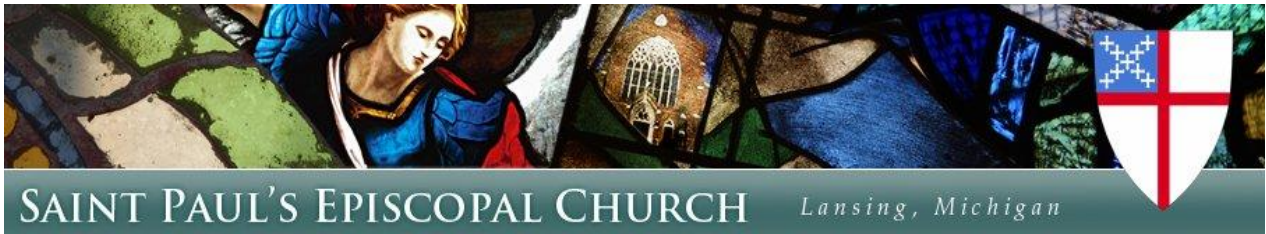
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In the light of God’s unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – August 23, 2026 Holy Eucharist

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- HOLY EUCHARIST
AUGUST 23 , 2026 - PROPER 16

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church- -a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

The Church's one foundation

HYMN 525

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
 People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.

The people sing together

GLORIA

S280



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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are invited to sit for the readings and the psalm

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land. Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,*
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side,*
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive*
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us*
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters*
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord!*
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;*
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned you. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Blest are the pure in heart

HYMN 656

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciple not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.6**

THE 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

Through the power of God, Peter saw Jesus in spirit and truth. For the power of God to be felt in our own times, let us offer intercessions, saying: Lord, hear us.

For the church and its ministry to the world, for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop; for all bishops and clergy, for missionaries, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear us.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear us.**

For the lonely and the destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for the victims of gun violence and war, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear us.**

For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the hungry and the homeless, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear us.**

For those who suffer at the hands of the church, and those who are oppressed in the name of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear us.**

For ourselves, our families, and our communities, who are daily faced with questions of faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear us.**

For the saints who have gone before us and are now at rest, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear us.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers by saying the following

Living God, you wish to be among us in your Son and in his church. Hear the petitions we place before you. Increase our faith that we may see your works more clearly; purify our actions that we may reveal your love more surely. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant 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

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

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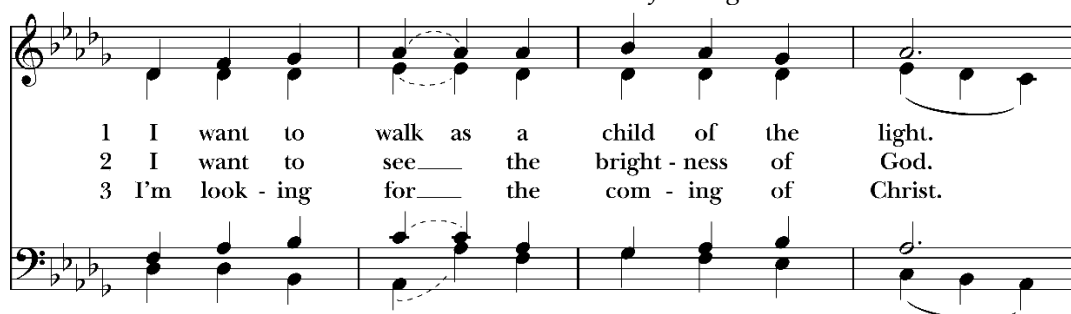
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

OFFERTORY HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

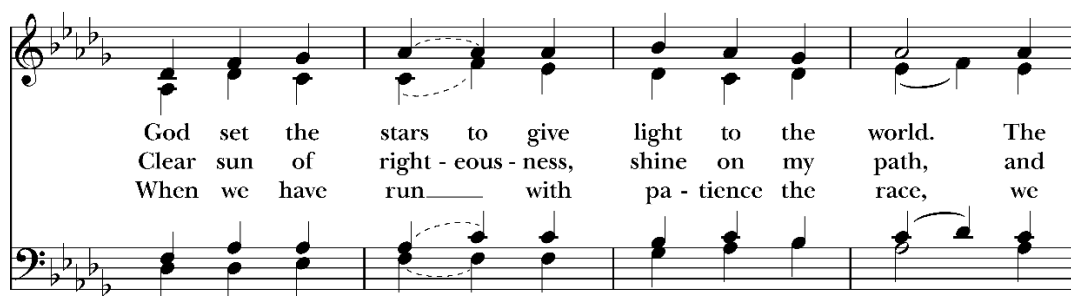
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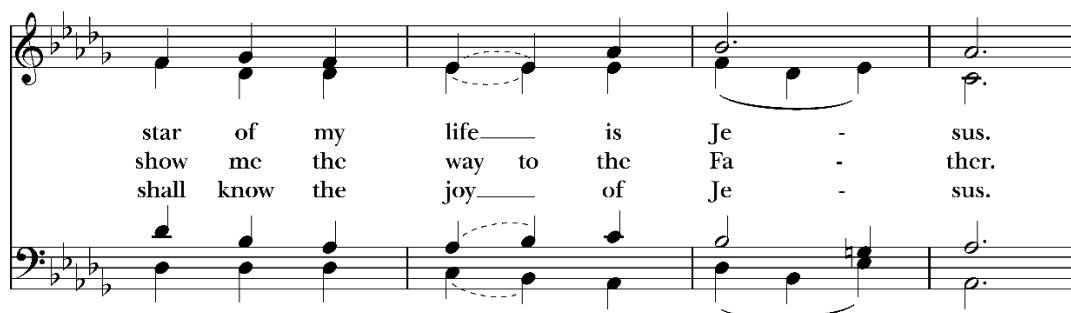
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

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Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Officiant and people say together

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Officiant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting

heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S154

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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.

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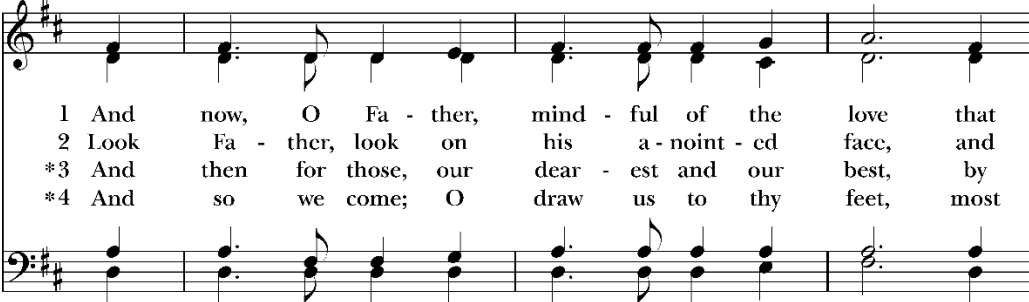
Officiant The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

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.

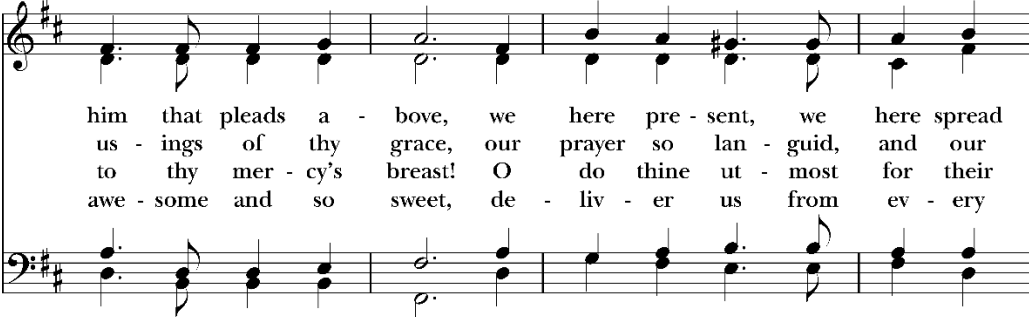
Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.



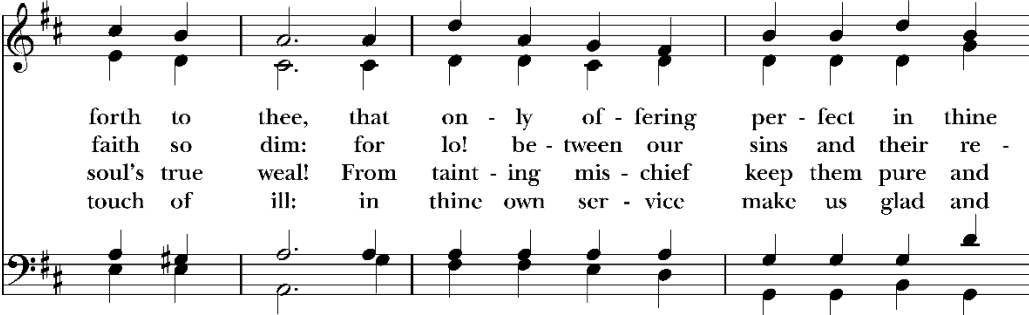
1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most



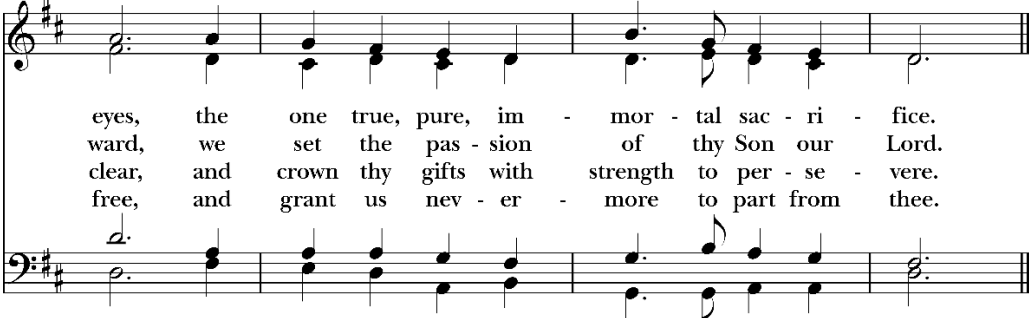
bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so



him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery



forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and



eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Officiant and People say together:

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken

HYMN 523

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found-ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*Join us in welcoming Susanne Hoekzema, who is subbing for
 Stephanie today.*

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	Steven Kadow
Prayers of the People	Graham Crabtree
Chalice Bearers	Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander,
Members for the Week	Hillary Walilko
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kadow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	Bob & Nancy Merriman
Blessing Box	Lyn Zynda
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	
Vestry Person of the Day	Justin Alexander

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, August 30, 2026

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	Herb Tanner
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Lyn Zynda
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Hillary Walilko
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley
Counters	Martha McKee, Margaret Schulte
Coffee Hour	Lyn Zynda
Greeters	
Blessing Box	The Alexanders
Recycling Team	Jim Milne
Sunday School Mentors	
Vestry Person of the Day	Kelly Hackett

**Opportunities For Prayer
August 23, 2026**

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, Whitt and Ann. **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: Mark Diedrich, and Jamal Dillman-Hasso.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Loaves & Fishes Overnight Shelter, 831 N Sycamore, Lansing, 48906.

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 worshipping communities: St. John's, Plymouth; Church of the Redeemer, Southfield; All Saints', La Roma, DR.

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

We pray for: Sarah Mullally, 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; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

Announcements For The Week August 23, 2026 - August 30, 2026

“Tabletop Saints” coming soon: A board and card game night of fellowship and fun! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite games and invite friends. Our Inaugural night is Friday, September 11th at 6:15pm. Please sign up in the Merrifield room so we can plan enough food and soft drinks for everyone. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian, childcare is not provided. Parking is available in the 4Cs lot in St. Paul’s designated spots, the St. Paul’s lot and on the street. Please see Rachel or Ian Moore if you have any questions.

Roosevelt Ramp Window Project: Throughout much of August, and early September, the House of Representatives will be replacing the south windows of the Roosevelt parking ramp. There will be lifts and construction personnel working on the ramp side of St. Paul’s parking lot. Access to our parking lot will be limited, mostly during the week. You may continue to park in the Roosevelt structure on evenings and weekends. Parking may be available in the 4C’s lot in St. Paul’s designated spots.

Sunday School Mentors Needed: Do you love seeing kids grow in their faith? We are looking for caring adults to serve as Sunday school mentors. You do not need to be a teacher—just someone willing to share God’s love, listen, and walk alongside our youth for one Sunday every 4-8 weeks. See Barb Heany or Karen Lewis for more information.

What are sacraments? How many do we have in the Episcopal Church? Can you name all of our sacraments? Why are they important to my faith? Or are they not important? When do I need the sacraments? Does the bread and wine really change into Jesus’ body? These questions and many more will be answered in a three-week class on Wednesday evenings September 16, 23, 30th. If you would like, first join us for dinner at 6:15 with the class beginning at 6:45pm. Cost for the meal is \$9.00. Sign up if you are joining us.

Parish Potluck: Sign up to bring your favorite dish to pass for our welcome back parish potluck September 20 following the 10:00am worship service. There’s a signup in the Merrifield Room. There are also signup sheets for cleanup following the potluck.

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes September 19th and October 10th in the Choir Room from 10am-2pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/ AED. You have two weeks to complete an online portion of the class. Payment of \$40 to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church due at the class. Free for staff, ushers, and Sunday School mentors. See John David Hawkins or Mark Rudd for more information.

Ushers: There is a signup sheet in the Merrifield room for anyone interested in serving as an usher. Please see John David Hawkins for more information.

Noisy Offering through December: Due to the Labor Day weekend, our Noisy Offering will move to September 13th. The City Rescue Mission of Lansing is a 501(c)3, Christian ministry founded in and still serving Michigan's capital area. Every year, thousands of children and adults find refuge and rescue thanks to the compassion of our community. Their mission is to meet physical needs for Food and Shelter to bring those with spiritual needs the Hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

Themes of Faith in the Music of Mahler: Arguably one of the most revolutionary composers at the beginning of the 20th century, Gustav Mahler is well known for his lengthy and complicated music. As a man born into a Jewish family who converted to Catholicism, Mahler expressed his thoughts regarding God, faith, love, life, death, and the afterlife in many of his pieces. Please join us in this brand-new series at St. Paul's as we spend 4 weeks with Steven Kadow looking at these themes in Mahler's first two symphonies. No knowledge of either Mahler or classical music is required to participate in these discussions. Sessions will be Wednesdays on Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Dinner will be provided at 6:15 (\$9 per person) with discussion beginning at 6:30. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Faith in Film September 25th at 6:00pm: Join us for our first Faith in Film of the 2026-2027 season. We will be showing the classic film, "Little Women", a coming-of-age novel written by Louisa May Alcott. The story follows the lives of the four March sisters (Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy) and details their passage from childhood to womanhood. We will be viewing the 2019 adaptation (PG) directed by Greta Gerwig, starring Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, and Timothée Chalamet. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

ERD Book Sale: We are now accepting books for the ERD Book Sale. There is a bin by the elevator outside the Merrifield room. Please sign up to help with setup on October 4th after the service. The sale will be held in the Merrifield room October 11-18. All proceeds will be supporting **Episcopal Relief & Development**. Sign up in the Merrifield Room to help or contact Katie Alexander at johns21k@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. 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.

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.

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

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 August 16, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$4,797** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$4,310
NonPledge Income	\$400
Third Week Loose Offering	\$87

This Week at St. Paul's August 23, 2026 - August 30, 2026
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Sunday, 8/23:			Katie Alexander Away/Stephanie Gewirtz Away
	9:45am		Sunday School – Hill Room
	10:00am		Worship & Holy Communion – Merrifield Room
	11:15am		Coffee Hour
	11:15am		Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
Monday, 8/24:			Stephanie Gewirtz Away
			Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
	10:30am		Investment Committee Meeting – Merrifield Room
Tuesday, 8/25:			Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
Wednesday, 8/26:			Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
	9:00pm		Compline – Zoom
Thursday, 8/27:			Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
Friday, 8/28:			Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
			Office Closed
Saturday, 8/29:			
Sunday, 8/30:			9:45am Sunday School – Hill Room
	10:00am		Worship & Holy Communion – Merrifield Room
	11:15am		Coffee Hour

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