



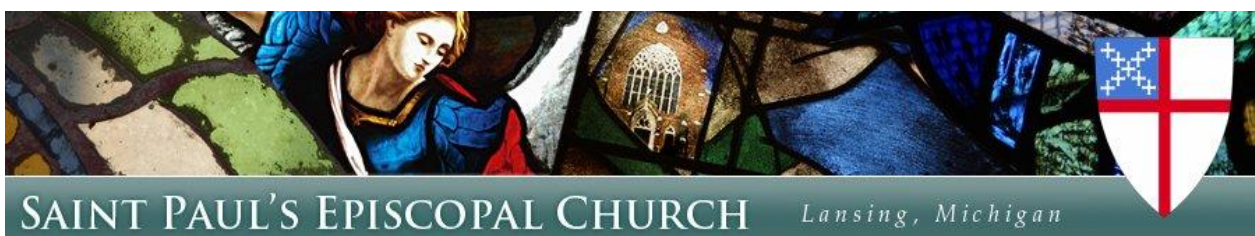
### **"Our Welcome"**

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 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 6, 2026 Holy Eucharist**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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**St. Paul's Staff:** The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, Priest Associate; Stephanie Gewirtz, Minister of Music; Theresa Milne, Parish Administrator; Barbara Heany, Sunday School Director; Katie Alexander, Nursery Attendant; D'Kwon Guerrero, Sexton/Custodian; Conrad Moyer, A/V Technician.

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**Visitors and Guests:** Please fill out a visitor card and give it to an usher or place it in the offering box. As you are leaving, we would like you to take a moment to sign one of the guest books located by the church doorways.

#### **Opportunities for Worship**

**Sundays:** 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion

**Parish Office:** Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays  
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**For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.**

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**Nursery Care is available** in the Nursery in the Music wing near the Choir Room.

**Parking in the Roosevelt Parking Ramp:** The Roosevelt parking ramp behind St. Paul's is available for evening parking after 6:00pm. The ramp will not be open on Fridays. The ramp will be open on Saturday and Sunday mornings until 9:00pm.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- HOLY EUCHARIST  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 - PROPER 18

PRELUDE

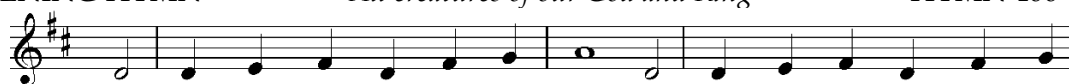
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

*All creatures of our God and King*

HYMN 400 v.1-3



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

*Reader*            A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, eggs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it; your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

#### PSALM 149

- 1        Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;\*  
          sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2        Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;\*  
          let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3        Let them praise his Name in the dance;\*  
          let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4        For the Lord takes pleasure in his people\*  
          and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5        Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;\*  
          let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6        Let the praises of God be in their throat\*  
          and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7        To wreak vengeance on the nations\*  
          and punishment on the peoples;
- 8        To bind their kings in chains\*  
          and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9        To inflict on them the judgment decreed;\*  
          this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

*Reader*            A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

*'Tis the gift to be simple*

HYMN 554

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
 and when we find our - selves in the place just right,  
 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.  
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to  
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will  
 be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

*Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

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

Our Lord Jesus has promised that, when we gather in his name, he is here among us. Let us pray saying, "We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**"

O Lord, you take pleasure in your people: May your Church be a community of honesty and humility. Help us to love each other – especially when love is a challenge. We pray especially for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop. We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**

O Lord, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give shelter to the homeless and the refugee. Give peace to all whose lives have been upset by war or natural disaster. We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**

O Lord, you have caused grapes to grow on the vine and wheat to grow in the fields so that we might celebrate you today. Bless the land to grow enough that all people may celebrate its bounty and not go hungry. We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**

O Lord, your Law is summarized, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Help us to love our neighbors so that we might not do wrong by anyone. We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**

O Lord, you give special care to those who are ill, poor, lonely, or broken especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**

O Lord, may all those who now lament see the day when they shall sing to you a new song --- a song of joy and praise. May those who weep, dance for joy. May the anxious rest on their beds in peace. And may all know that it was you, the Lord, who did this. We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**

O Lord, care for the dead as they await the great day of resurrection. May all who have died rest in your peace. We are gathered in your name; **hear our prayers.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers by saying the following*

Lord, you have invited the beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind, to eat and drink at your table and to feast in your kingdom; and lo, here we are. Grant us the grace to extend to others the same generosity you have shown to us; for you are our Lord, our God forever and ever. **Amen.**

#### A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work through which you provide our daily bread. Thank you for the gifts and abilities you provide people to carry out the myriad tasks that allow us to live the lives we do. Graciously grant us the strength we need to meet our responsibilities as well as the rest we need when we are weary. **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.**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

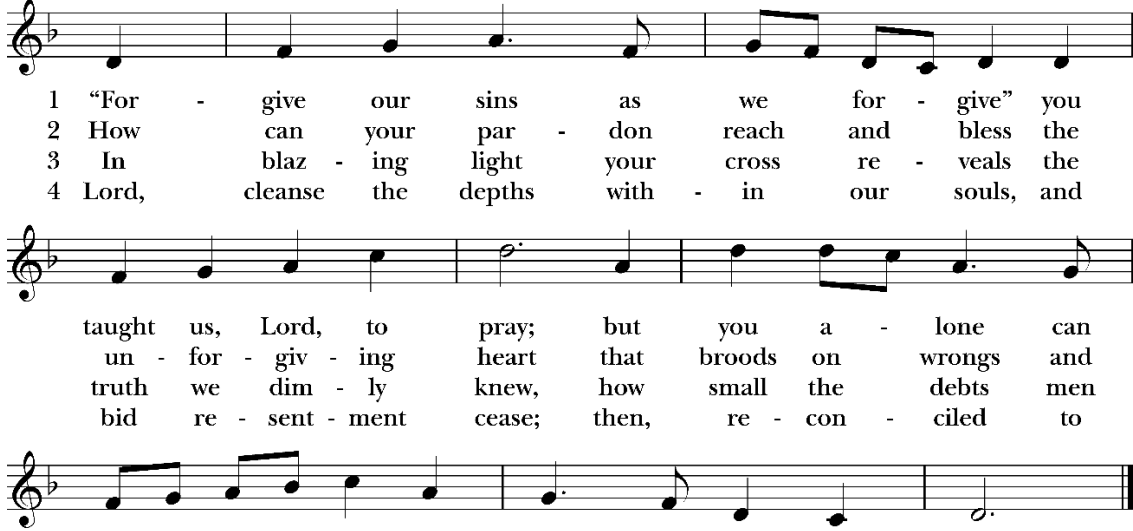
*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
Deborah McMartin-Finkel, soloist

Eric H. Thiman

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Forgive our sins as we forgive*

HYMN 674



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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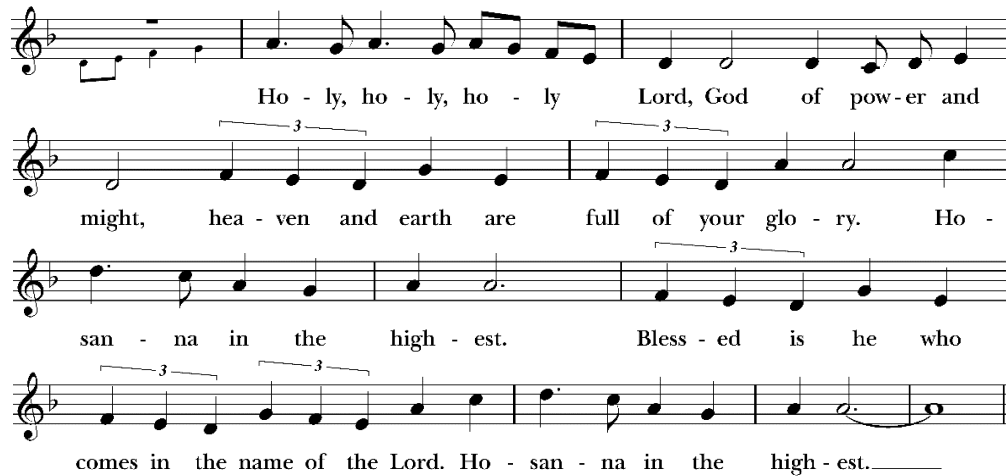
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

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



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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.**

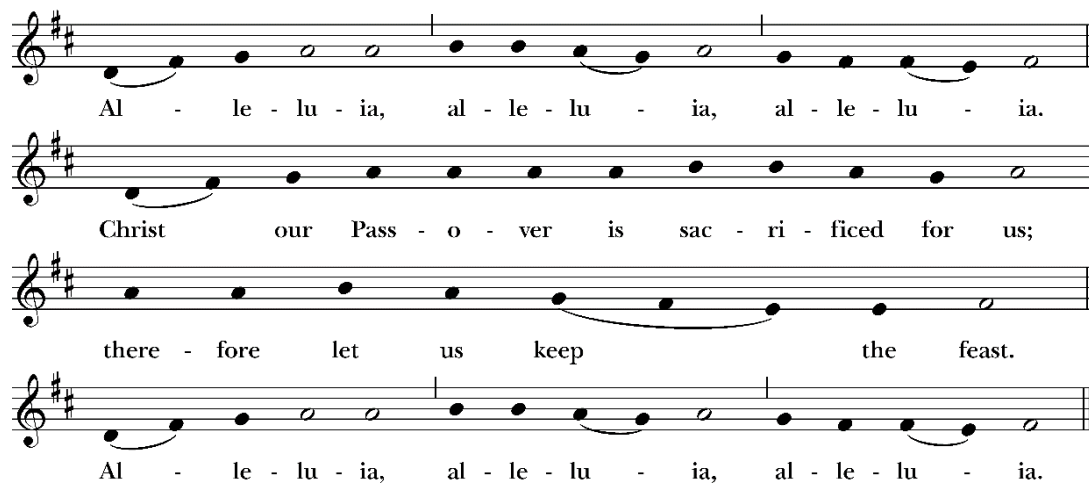
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

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*The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread*



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#### 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

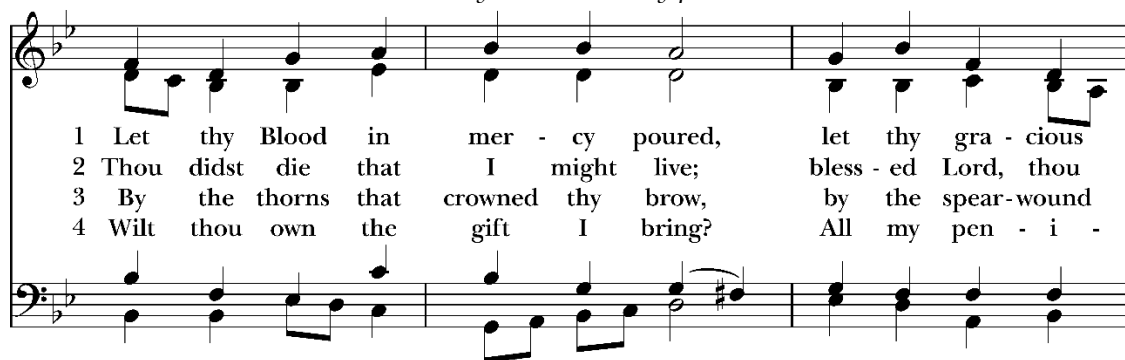
*Be Not Afraid*

Craig Courtney

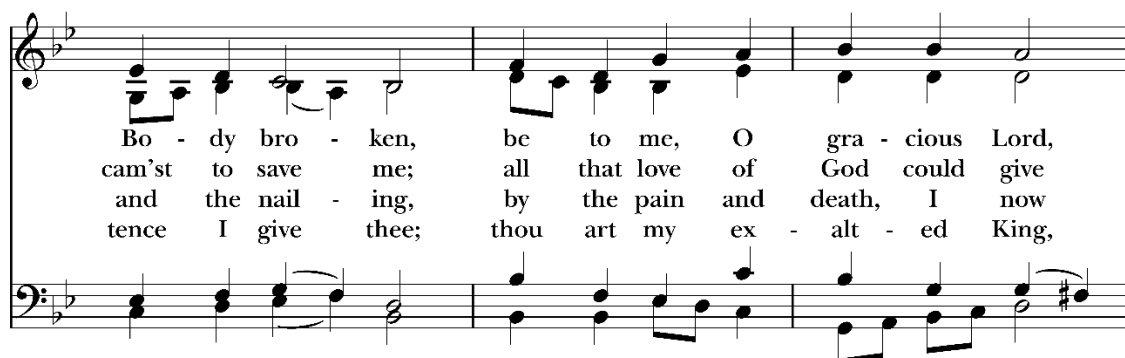
## COMMUNION HYMN

*Let thy blood in mercy poured*

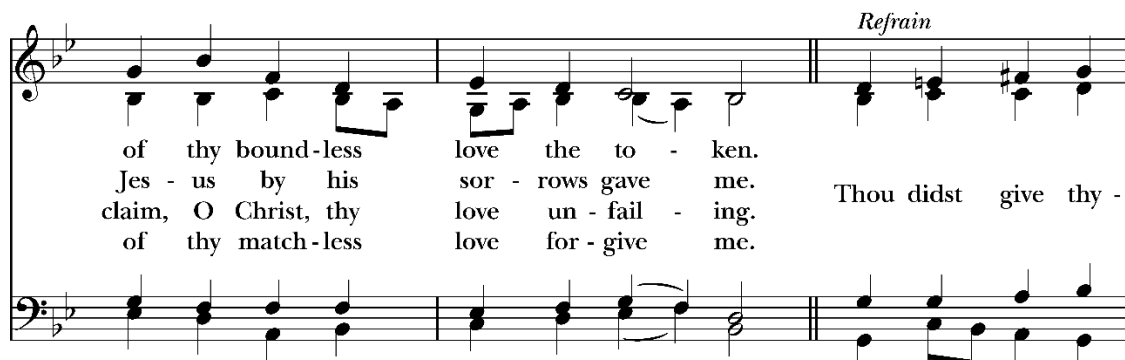
HYMN 313



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -



Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,



*Refrain*  
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.



self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

*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

*We all are one in mission*

HYMN WLP 778



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.  
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;  
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955). Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

### Assisting in today's service

|                                     |                                                              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Crucifer                            | Marti Narezo                                                 |
| Subdeacon                           | Jack Baker                                                   |
| Lector                              | Libby Richardson                                             |
| Prayers of the People               | Deb McMartin-Finkel                                          |
| Chalice Bearers                     | Leslie Hall, Jim Milne                                       |
| Altar Guild<br>Members for the Week | Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman,<br>Barb Heany          |
| Ushers                              | Debbie Parks, David Parks,<br>Justin Alexander, Mike Sanders |
| Counters                            | Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley                                |
| Coffee Hour                         | Barb & Libby Richardson                                      |
| Greeters                            | Jamie Diedrich                                               |
| Blessing Box                        | Susan Henderson                                              |
| Recycling Team                      |                                                              |
| Vestry Person of the Day            | David Parks                                                  |

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### Assisting Next Sunday, September 13, 2026

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| Crucifer                            | Jen Humphries                                                   |
| Subdeacon                           | Leslie Hall                                                     |
| Lector                              | Amanda Ross                                                     |
| Prayers of the People               | Martha McKee                                                    |
| Chalice Bearers                     | Jen Humphries, Theresa Milne                                    |
| Altar Guild<br>Members for the Week | Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce,<br>Theresa Milne, Lyn Zynda |
| Ushers                              | Joe Lehning, Eric Monaghan,<br>Lily Monaghan, Mark Rudd         |
| Counters                            | Martha McKee, Margaret Schulte                                  |
| Coffee Hour                         | Walilko Family                                                  |
| Greeters                            |                                                                 |
| Blessing Box                        | Jack Baker                                                      |
| Recycling Team                      |                                                                 |
| Sunday School Mentors               | Barb Heany, Susan Henderson                                     |
| Vestry Person of the Day            | Jim Milne                                                       |

**Opportunities For Prayer**  
**September 6, 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, and Whitt. *\*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:** Jim Ewing, and Isaac & Bronwen Francisco.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** American Cancer Society, 1755 Abbey Rd, East Lansing, 48823.

**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. Paul's, Lansing; Holy Spirit, Las Carreras, DR.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Episcopal/ Anglican Province of Alexandria.

**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**  
**September 6, 2026 – September 13, 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 through mid 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.

**Longtime parishioner, Norma Lindholm is turning 98!** We would like to help her celebrate and you can help. Bring in a birthday card for Norma by September 13<sup>th</sup>, and Karen+ will take them to her. There is a basket on the signup table to place all the cards.

**You're Invited: 'See. Love. Vote.' Get Out the Vote Postcard Party!** Join faith-filled justice-seekers from across the region in writing nonpartisan postcards to encourage people to vote in the upcoming midterm elections! We'll gather at **First Presbyterian Church** (Litten Social Hall, 510 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing) on **Friday, September 18, 6:00 PM** for fellowship and a simple meal as we work toward a goal of writing 1,000 postcards to people of faith in your community.

*"See. Love. Vote." is a nonpartisan campaign rooted in the Catholic Social Justice tradition to get out the vote in the 2026 elections and beyond! Led by NETWORK Advocates for Catholic Social Justice (a 501(c)(3) organization) and faith partners across many Christian denominations and other faith traditions, we are connecting communities with the tools they need to be informed and engaged voters, inspired by the common good!*

Please register at [networkadvocates.org/lansing](https://networkadvocates.org/lansing) We hope to see you there!

**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, 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

**Provide a Meal for Canterbury MSU:** The signup genius is open to sign up to provide a meal for Canterbury for the fall. Please bring a complete meal (main dish, side, salad, dessert) for 6 people with a gluten and dairy free option. Please no mushrooms. Deliver to 225 M.A.C. Ave on Thursday by 6:15pm. Contact Chaplain Alex Aivars at [chaplain.canterburymSU@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.canterburymSU@gmail.com) or 269.806.3489 for any questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAD28A5FDCF8-65142631-fall>

**Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification:** Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mission & Outreach Winter Coat Collection:** Please join us in our effort to support the City of Lansing in their drive to provide new or lightly used (clean) winter coats for adults in the community. Collection for the drive will run September 21<sup>st</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>. Coats will be distributed in early November at Lansing City locations. Place your coats in the marked bin by the signup table in the Merrifield Room.

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

**Noisy Offering through December:** 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:johns21k@gmail.com).

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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 30, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$7,100** in contributions as follows:

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| Pledge Income    | <b>\$1,375</b> |
| NonPledge Income | <b>\$665</b>   |
| Loose Offering   | <b>\$60</b>    |
| Capital Campaign | <b>\$5,000</b> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week at St. Paul's</b><br/> <b>September 6, 2026 – September 13, 2026</b></p> |
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| Sunday, 9/6:    |         | Barb Heany Away/No Sunday School                        |
|                 | 10:00am | Worship & Holy Communion – Merrifield Room              |
|                 | 11:15am | Coffee Hour                                             |
|                 | 11:15am | Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch                       |
|                 | 12:00pm | Acolyte training                                        |
|                 | 4:30pm  | Dillman-Hasso CDC – Merrifield Room                     |
| Monday, 9/7:    |         | Labor Day – Office Closed                               |
| Tuesday, 9/8:   |         | Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.        |
|                 | 7:00pm  | Bible Study – Zoom                                      |
| Wednesday, 9/9: |         | Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.        |
|                 | 12:00pm | Noon Book Study - Zoom                                  |
|                 | 9:00pm  | Compline – Zoom                                         |
| Thursday, 9/10: |         | Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.        |
|                 | 7:00pm  | Choir Rehearsal                                         |
| Friday, 9/11:   |         | Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.        |
|                 |         | Office Closed                                           |
|                 | 6:15pm  | Tabletop Saints Board/Card Game Night – Merrifield Room |
| Saturday, 9/12: |         |                                                         |
| Sunday, 9/13:   |         | CMDR Parent Meeting/Noisy Offering                      |
|                 | 9:45am  | Sunday School – Downstairs                              |
|                 | 10:00am | Worship & Holy Communion – Merrifield Room              |
|                 | 11:15am | Coffee Hour                                             |
|                 | 4:30pm  | Dillman-Hasso CDC – Merrifield Room                     |

**QR Code for giving. Scan the code with your phone to be taken to options for giving.**

