



**WORSHIP BULLETIN:**  
**JUNE 14, 2026** **10:00 AM**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II Prayer A

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

*The following is sung. .*

**(WLP 753) When From Bondage We Are Summoned**

**Verse 1:**

When from bondage we are summoned  
Out of darkness into light  
We must go in hope and patience,  
Walk by faith and not by sight.

**Refrain:**

Let us throw off all that hinders;  
Let us run the race to win!  
Let us hasten to our homeland  
And, rejoicing, enter in.

**Verse 2:**

When our God names us a people,  
Jesus leads up by the hand  
Through a lonely, barren desert  
To a great and glorious land. **(Refrain)**

**Verse 3:**

Through all stages of the journey,  
Christ is with us, night and day  
With compassion for our weakness  
Every step along the way **(Refrain)**

**Verse 4:**

We must. not lose sight of Jesus,  
Who accepted pain and loss  
Who for joy of love unmeasured,  
Dared embrace the shameful cross. **(Refrain)**

**Verse 5:**

See the prize our God has promised,  
Endless life with Christ our Lord  
Now we fix our eyes on Jesus  
Walk by faith in Jesus' word **(Refrain)**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People: Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**GLORIA:**

*The following is sung, all standing.*

**Glory to God**

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357**

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in  
your steadfast faith and love, that through  
your grace we may proclaim your truth with  
boldness, and minister your justice with  
compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus  
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)***The people sit.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah

bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:****Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*

**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

How shall I repay the Lord \*

**for all the good things he has done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*

**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*

**in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord \*

**is the death of his servants.**

O Lord, I am your servant; \*

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**

**you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*

**in the presence of all his people,**

In the courts of the Lord's house, \*

**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING:****Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not

disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL HYMN:**

*Congregation chants*

**(WLP 756) Lead Me, Guide Me**

#### **Refrain:**

Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)**

*All stand.*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and

Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

**POST-GOSPEL HYMN:**

*Please refer to Gospel Hymn. (PG. 3)*

**THE SERMON:** Jim Peterson

**THE CREED:** BCP p. 358

*All stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

*All remain standing*

**CONFESSION OF SIN:** EOW p. 56

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

**ABSOLUTION:**

**THE PEACE:** BCP p. 360

*All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **VBS** – Church Campus closed next week - (8 am -1 pm).
- **Sunday, June 21** - VBS Sunday.
- **Sunday, June 28** - Pride Sunday & First Outdoor Worship Service.
- **Live Streaming Hiatus** - During Outdoor Service – (June 28 – July 26) - Resumes August 2nd.

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION:****OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p. 376****OFFERTORY ANTHEM:**

*The following is sung by the choir.*

**I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit says "Sing"**

Arranged by: William Farley Smith

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

*The following is sung.*

**(LEVAS 115) Spirit of the Living God**

**Verse:**

Spirit of the living God  
 Fall afresh on me  
 Spirit of the living God  
 Fall afresh on me  
 Melt me mould me  
 Fill me use me  
 Spirit of the living God  
 Fall afresh on me

**SURSUM CORDA:****BCP p. 369**

*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS:**

*Celebrant and people*

**Americana Hosanna**

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

**Chorus:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your praises.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

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*The Celebrant continues. . .*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself . . . Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## BCP p. 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER: BCP p. 363

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

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## FRACTION ANTHEM:

*Celebrant and People*

### Christ Our Passover

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All are welcome to come forward for communion. If you're new to the sacrament, please reference the card in the pews with more information. The bread is given with the words, 'The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.' The wine is given with the words, 'The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.'

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to your hymnal.*

**(H 711) Seek Ye First**

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to your hymnal.*

**(H 335) I Am the Bread of Life**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: EOW p. 70

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

## SUNG BENEDICTION:

*The following is sung.*

### Life is Short

Words by: Henri Frederic Amiel

Music by: Cameron DePalma

Life is short,

And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.

So... be swift to love,

and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God,

who made us,

who loves us,

and who travels with us

be with you now and forever.

**A—MEN**

## BLESSING:

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

### (LEVAS 161) Go Preach My Gospel

#### Verse 1:

“Go preach my gospel,” saith the Lord,  
“Bid the whole earth my grace receive,  
Explain to them my sacred word,  
Bid them believe, obey, and live.”

#### Verse 2:

“I’ll make my great commission known,  
And ye shall prove my gospel true  
By all the works that I have done,  
And all the wonders ye shall do.”

#### Verse 3:

“Go heal the sick, go raise the dead,  
Go cast out devils in my name.  
Nor let my prophets be afraid,  
Though man reproach, and will blaspheme.”

#### Verse 4:

“While thus ye follow my commands,  
I’m with you till the world shall end.  
All pow’r is trusted in my hands;  
I can destroy, and can defend.”

#### Verse 5:

He spake and light shone round His head,  
On a bright cloud to heav’n He rode.  
They to the farthest nation spread  
The grace of their ascended God.

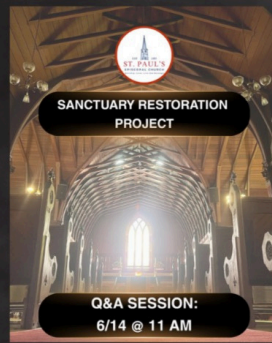
## DISMISSAL:

*The Celebrant will dismiss the people*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## AFTER THIS SERVICE:



**SANCTUARY  
RESTORATION  
PROJECT: Q & A**  
Sun. June 14 at 11 AM

**With Dawson Urban**  
After our 10 AM service



The flowers at today's service are  
in support of our:

**Lay Preaching Ministry**

**Robyn Boltz**

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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\* VBS – Campus closed next week - (8 am -1 pm).

\* Sunday, June 28 – Pride Sunday & First Outdoor Worship Service

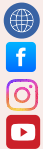
\* Live Streaming Hiatus - During Outdoor Service – (June 28 – July 26) - Resumes August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Emery	Dick Bryan
Neal Mulholand	John
Deb Mulholand	David Gibbs
Rev. Nancy Bryan	Mary Gibbs
Regina Williams	John Helm
Donna Sanderson	

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

**Major Russ Morris**, U.S. Air Force Reserves  
**SFC Mike Moverley**, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army  
**Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann**, U.S. Army Airman  
**Andrew Severa**, U.S. Air Force  
**SA Michelle Severa**, PA, Air National Guard  
**Staff SGT Jake Sackett**, U.S. Air Force  
**Major Xacasia Evans-Walp**, U.S. Army  
**Airman 1st Class Nevaeh Jarvis**, U.S. Air Force  
**Captain Greg Arnold**, U.S. Navy

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6/16 Jim Brown  
 6/15 Bob & Debi Hall  
 6/17 David & Yann Jouvenot - Sells  
 6/20 Jerry & Leonide McKay

## SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz
Preacher	Jim Peterson
	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Music	John Partridge
Lector	Karen Lowe
Intercessor	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Jim Brown & Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	
Ushers	Lisa & Jorge Pena
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper
Flower Guild	Robyn Boltz & Kathy Gojack
Verger	Jorge Pena

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### CLERGY:

**The Rev. Annie Mertz**, Rector

**The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder**, Associate Priest

### STAFF:

John Partridge, Traditional Music Director  
 Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director  
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### VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden  
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### MISSION:

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

### VISION:

We strive to be an active, diverse and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

## VALUES

### COMMUNITY:

We support our neighbors through service & compassion. We are a safe space & a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.

### INCLUSION:

We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds & histories are welcome to find & continue their spiritual journey.

### THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:

We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow & strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.

### NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

When you enter a St. Paul's Episcopal Church service or event, you enter an area where photography, audio, live streaming, and video recording may occur.

# CALENDAR

## The Third Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)  
 10 am +Communion  
 11 am +Q & A Session – Sanctuary Restoration Project after service  
 11 am Coffee Hour (P)  
 11 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)  
 11 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)  
 4 pm Meditation (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)



### MONDAY: 6/15

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
**8 am - 1 pm VBS Camp**  
 9 am Morning Prayer \*(L)  
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)  
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

### TUESDAY: 6/16

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
**8 am - 1 pm VBS Camp**  
 9 am Morning Prayer \*(L)

### WEDNESDAY: 6/17

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
**8 am - 1 pm VBS Camp**  
 9 am Morning Prayer \*(L)  
 10 am Communion - Cancelled  
 11 am Bible Study (L) - Cancelled  
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

### THURSDAY: 6/18

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
**8 am - 1 pm VBS Camp**  
 7:30 am Coffee without Rev. Annie  
 9 am Morning Prayer \*(L)

### FRIDAY: 6/19

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
**8 am - 1 pm VBS Camp**  
 9 am Morning Prayer \*(L)  
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting \*(R)  
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

### SATURDAY: 6/20

7 am AA Meeting (U)  
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)

## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - VBS Sunday

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)  
 10 am +Communion  
 11 am Coffee Hour (P)  
 11 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)  
 11 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)  
 12 - 2 pm +Volunteers begin moving small, easily moved items from Sanctuary  
 8 pm AA (U)



### KEY

- +** = CHURCH
- P** = PARISH HALL
- U** = UNDERCROFT
- R** = RECTORY
- K** = KITCHEN
- L** = RECTORY LIBRARY