



WORSHIP BULLETIN:

JUNE 28, 2026

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prayer A

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Pride Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung. .

(LEVAS 58) The Lord is My Light

Verse 1:

The Lord is my Light
And my salvation
The Lord is my Light
And my salvation
The Lord is my Light
And my salvation

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear

Verse 2:

In the time of trouble
He shall hide me O in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in the time of trouble
He shall hide me whom shall I fear

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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.

SONG OF PRAISE:

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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:**Genesis 22:1-14***The people sit.*

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

People: Thanks be to God.**PSALM:****Psalm 13**

How long, O Lord?

will you forget me for ever? *

how long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? *

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

But I put my trust in your mercy; *

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

SECOND READING:**Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human

terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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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 10:40-42

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Please refer to Gospel Hymn.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

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

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

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:

- **Pew Adoption** - campaign runs through 8/31 – no gift too small.
- **Women’s Bible Study** – Tuesday, June 30th – 7 pm in the undercroft.
- **Join St. Paul’s Holy Strollers at Relay for Life!** – August 1st & 2nd.
- **Peddlers Fair** - Saturday, August 8th – See announcements for volunteer opportunities.

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 HYMN:

The following is sung.

This Little Light of Mine

Verse:

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Ev’ry where I go, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Traditional
These words are in the public domain.

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.

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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:

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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.

(H 602) Jesu, Jesu

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Verse 1:

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

(Refrain)

Verse 2:

Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you.

(Refrain)

Verse 4:

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

(Refrain)

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Verse 3:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Verse 4:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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.

Down By the Riverside

Verse 1:

Gonna lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside;
Ain't gonna study war no more.

Refrain:

Ain't gonna study war no more
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,

Verse 2:

Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand,
Down by the riverside;
Ain't gonna study war no more.

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Gonna put on my long white robe,
Down by the riverside,
Ain't gonna study war no more.

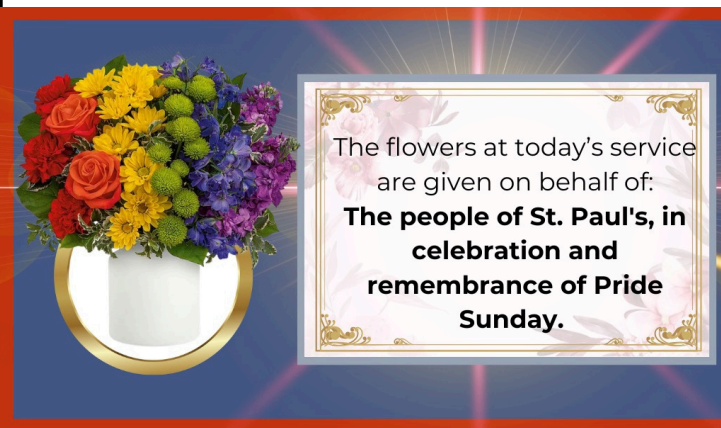
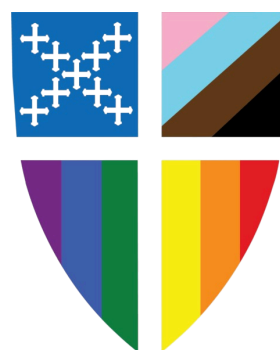
(Refrain)

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!



The flowers at today's service
are given on behalf of:
**The people of St. Paul's, in
celebration and
remembrance of Pride
Sunday.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* **Pew Adoption** - campaign runs through 8/31 – No gift too small - all gifts will be acknowledged on a community plaque in the church.

* **Women's Bible Study** – Tues., June 30th - 7 pm - undercroft.

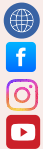
* **Join St. Paul's Holy Strollers at Relay for Life!** – August 1st & 2nd.

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Emery	Dick Bryan
Neal Mulholand	John
Deb Mulholand	David Gibbs
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Regina Williams	John Helm
Donna Sanderson	Lolli Hilton

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

6/28 Betsy Zampa
 7/1 Julianna Moverley
 7/3 Yann Jouvenot-Sells
 7/4 Rev. Pam Higgins
 7/1 Drs. Michael & Mary Klemm

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz
10:00 AM	
Music	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Marjorie Lowry
Intercessor	Jim Brown
LEM	Jim Brown & Robyn Wall
Healing Prayers	
Ushers	Christine Stevens & Ann Lindsay
Altar Guild	Cathy Cellini & Susie Bonstin
Flower Guild	Karen Lowe
Verger	Jorge Pena

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

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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.

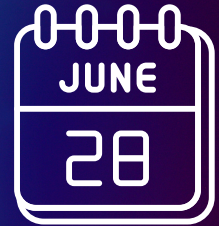
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CALENDAR

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Pride Sunday

- 6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
- 10 am Communion - Outdoor 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 (U)
- 8 pm AA (U)



MONDAY: 6/29

- 7 am AA Meeting (U)
- 9 am Morning Prayer (L)
- 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
- 8 pm AA Meeting (U)

TUESDAY: 6/30

- 7 am AA Meeting (U)
- 9 am Morning Prayer (L)
- 7 pm Women's Bible Study (U)

WEDNESDAY: 7/1

- 7 am AA Meeting (U)
- 9 am Morning Prayer (L)
- 10 am Communion (O)
- 11 am Bible Study (R)
- 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

THURSDAY: 7/2

- 7 am AA Meeting (U)
- 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie
- 9 am Morning Prayer (L)

FRIDAY: 7/3

- 7 am AA Meeting (U)
- 9 am Morning Prayer (L)
- 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
- 7-9 pm NA Meeting (U)

SATURDAY: 7/4

**Celebrate Safely
Happy Fourth of July!**

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

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
- 10 am Communion - Outdoor Service
- 11 am Coffee Hour (P)
- 11 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
- 11 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
- 8 pm AA (U)



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- R** = RECTORY
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