



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
JULY 12, 2026 **10:00 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II Prayer A
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung. .

(LEVAS 219) This is the Day

Verse:

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made,
That the Lord hath made,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it,
And be glad in it;

Chorus:

This is the day that the Lord hath made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made.

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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:**Genesis 25:19-34***The people sit.*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

*"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be
divided;*

*the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."*

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:**Psalms 119:105-112**

Your word is a lantern to my feet *

and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined *

to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled; *

preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *

and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand, *

yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, *

but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *

truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes*
for ever and to the end.

SECOND READING:**Romans 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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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 13:1-9,18-23

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Please refer to Gospel Hymn.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder

THE CREED:

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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:**

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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:**

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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:

- **Calendar Updates** - No Eucharist or Bible Study on Weds. 7/15.
- **Relay for Life!** – Can't walk this year? Support us at July coffee hours by donating or making a luminaria.
- **Help Make the Peddlers Fair a Success** - Be a volunteer – see announcements for details.
- **Pew Adoption** - Be part of the restoration – no gift too small.

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:**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

SUNG BY THE CHOIR ONLY.

Children of the Heavenly Father

Verse 1:

Children of the heav'nly Father,
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nesting bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Verse 2:

God his own does tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Verse 3:

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace is showing,
And their sorrows all is knowing.

Verse 4:

Lo, their very hairs he numbers,
And no daily care encumbers
Those who share his ev'ry blessing,
And his help in woes distressing.

Verse 5:

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers;
Your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender,
Every rival must surrender.

Verse 6:

God has given, he has taken,
But his child is ne'er forsaken;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve us, pure and holy.



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

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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.

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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: 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.

(LEVAS 151) One Bread One Body

Chorus:

One Bread, one body, one lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1:

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more
(chorus)

Verse 2:

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all
(chorus)

Verse 3:

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.
(chorus)

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung by choir.

The refrain is sung by the congregation.

Give Us This Bread of Life

Composed by: John Partridge

Refrain:

Give us this bread of life.

Give us this bread of life.

That we may never be hungry.

That we may never be hungry.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living
members of your Son our Savior Jesus
Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual
food in the Sacrament of his Body and
Blood. Send us now into the world in
peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our
Lord. 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 14) Soon and Very Soon

Verse 1:

Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the
King. Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see
the King. Soon and very soon, we are goin' to
see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the
King.

Verse 2:

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the
King. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see
the King. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to
see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the
King.

Verse 3:

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the
King. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see
the King. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to
see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the
King!

Verse 4:

Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the
King. Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see
the King. Soon and very soon, we are goin' to
see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the
King.

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

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

People: Thanks be to God.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



- * Calendar Updates - No Eucharist or Bible Study on Weds. 7/15.
- * Pew Adoption - Be part of the restoration - campaign runs through 8/31 - no gift too small.
- * Peddlers Fair - Be a volunteer - See announcements for details.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Emery	Dick Bryan
Neal Mulholand	John
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Regina Williams	Mary Gibbs
Donna	John Helm
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
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Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army
Airman 1st Class Nevaeh Jarvis, U.S. Air Force
Captain Greg Arnold, U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/14 Mary Katherine Dugan
7/14 Andrew & Dawson Urban
7/16 Phil & Carole Johnson

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder
10:00 AM	
Music	John Partridge
Lector	Barry Cunningham
Intercessor	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Barbara Jewell & Cathy Cellini
Healing Prayers	
Ushers	Jeff Jarvis & Mark Duncan
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper
Flower Guild	
Verger	Joe Brien

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
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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

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CALENDAR

The Seventh 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)
 4 pm Meditation (U)
 8 pm AA (U)



MONDAY: 7/13

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

TUESDAY: 7/14

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 9 am Morning Prayer (L)
 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (U)
 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (R)

WEDNESDAY: 7/15

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

THURSDAY: 7/16

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

FRIDAY: 7/17

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

SATURDAY: 7/18

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)
 10 am LEM Training (P)

The Eighth 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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