



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
JULY 19, 2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 AM
Prayer A
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(LEVAS 120) Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Verse 1:

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Chorus:

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with Your love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

Verse 2:

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe
You're the one to profit when you say
I am going to walk with Jesus all the way

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

If you say He saved you from your sin
Now You're weak you're bound and cannot enter in
You can make it right if you will yield
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel

(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.

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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

The people sit.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places*

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *

where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *

and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *

and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day; *

darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *

try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *

and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the

freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30,36-43

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he

replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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: BCP p. 360

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:

- **FIFA World Cup Finals Watch Party:** Today, after Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.
- **Sanctuary Restoration Project:** Volunteers needed Thurs. 7/23 & Fri. 7/24 at 10 am - move larger furnishings back into the sanctuary.
- **TGIFF Friday, July 24** - 5:30–7:30 pm- Parish Hall.
- **Sunday, July 26 - Relay for Life Sunday** - Join us for the Blessing of the Luminarias.

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 only.

Come O Thou Traveller Unknown

Lyrics by: Charles Wesley

Music: Traditional.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

Michael Row the Boat Ashore

Refrain:

Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Sister, help to trim the sails hallelujah
Sister, help to trim the sails hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
The River Jordan is chilly and cold hallelujah
Chills the body but not the soul hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
River is deep, and the river is wide hallelujah
Milk and honey on the other side hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah

SURSUM CORDA:

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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.

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.

(LEVAS 220) We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Verse 1:

We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross.

Verse 2:

Ev'ry round goes higher, higher
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher
Soldiers of the cross.

Verse 3:

Sinner do you love your Jesus?
Sinner do you love your Jesus?
Sinner do you love your Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross.

Verse 4:

If you love Him why not serve Him,
If you love Him why not serve Him,
If you love Him why not serve Him,
Soldiers of the cross.

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 341) For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Verse 1:

For the bread which you have broken, for the
wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now
we give you thanks, O Lord.

Verse 2:

By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our
lives, O Lord,

Verse 3:

As our blessed ones adore you, seated at our
Father's board,
may the Church still waiting for you keep
love's tie unbroken, Lord.

Verse 4:

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts
keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us let your
kingdom come, O Lord.



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 160) This Little Light of Mine

Verse 1:

This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2:

Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3:

All through the night,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
All through the night,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
All through the night,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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!



* Sanctuary Restoration Project: Volunteers needed Thurs. 7/23 & Fri. 7/24 at 10 am -move larger furnishings back into sanctuary.

* TGIFF Friday, July 24 - 5:30-7:30 pm- in the Parish Hall.

* Sunday, July 26 - Relay for Life Sunday - Join us for the Blessing of the Luminarias.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/19 Gilbert Brien
7/22 Dr. Michael Klemm
7/23 Fred Railsback
7/24 Judy Furlong
7/25 Art & Sandy Schipper

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz
	10:00 AM
Music	John Partridge
Lector	Karen Lowe
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay
LEM	Kim Rodekohr & Cathy Cellini
Healing Prayers	
Ushers	Carole Johnson & Debbie Borst
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Kim Rodekohr
Flower Guild	
Verger	Jim Wolf

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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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 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)
 12 pm FIFA World Cup Finals Watch Party (P)
 8 pm AA (U)



MONDAY: 7/20

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

TUESDAY: 7/21

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 9 am Morning Prayer (L)
 12 - 5 pm Sustainable Solano (K)
 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (U)

WEDNESDAY: 7/22

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)
 7 pm BAFC (U)

THURSDAY: 7/23

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

FRIDAY: 7/24

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 9 am Morning Prayer (L)
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
 5:30 pm TGIFF (P)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (U)

SATURDAY: 7/25

7 am AA Meeting (U)

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Relay for Life - Blessing of the Luminarias

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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