



**WORSHIP BULLETIN:**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 11:00 AM**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II **EOW III**  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

*The following is sung.*

**Give Thanks**

**Chorus:**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

**Verse:**

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

**Ending:**

Give thanks

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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.  
Amen.**



**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. 254**

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about  
earthly things, but to love things heavenly;  
and even now, while we are placed among  
things that are passing away, to hold fast to  
those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:****Exodus 16:2-15***The people sit.*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of

the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:****Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*

**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*

**and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Glory in his holy Name; \*

**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Search for the Lord and his strength; \*

**continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done, \*

**his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*

**O children of Jacob his chosen.**

He led out his people with silver and gold; \*

**in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.**

Egypt was glad of their going, \*

**because they were afraid of them.**

He spread out a cloud for a covering \*

**and a fire to give light in the night season.**

They asked, and quails appeared, \*

**and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*

**so the river ran in the dry places.**

For God remembered his holy word \*

**and Abraham his servant.**

So he led forth his people with gladness, \*

**his chosen with shouts of joy.**

He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*

**and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

That they might keep his statutes \*

**and observe his laws.**

**Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING:   Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:**

*Congregation chants*

**(A3 218) Veni Sancte Spiritus**

**Refrain:**

Veni Sancte Spiritus

**GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the

morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they

thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden

of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the

same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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**

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:**

- St. Paul's Movie Under the Stars – Sat., Sept. 26, at 7pm – See announcements for details.
- Women’s Bible Study – Tues, Sept. 29 - New time - 6:30 pm.
- The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert Memorial Concert - Sat., October 3 at 7:30 pm.
- Sun., Oct. 4, - Feast of St. Francis at both services & Blessing of the Animals at 11 am.

**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*

### O Come to the Altar

#### Verse 1:

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

#### Chorus:

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

#### Verse 2:

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

#### Bridge:

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

#### Verse 3:

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

## SURSUM CORDA:

BCP p. 361

*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*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times  
and in all places, our true and loving God. . .  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

## 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.

*The celebrant continues...*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION & PRAYER CONCLUSION

*The Celebrant continues*

. . . And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

. . . by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

**Blessed are you 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.**

**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:**

*Celebrant and People*

**(A3 201) Eat This Bread**

**Refrain:**

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

*The following is sung.*

**(A3 175) They Will 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.

**Refrain:**

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

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

**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. **(Refrain)**

**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. **(Refrain)**

**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)**

**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.*

#### **In The Highways**

#### **Chorus:**

I'll be somewhere working  
I'll be somewhere working  
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord  
I'll be somewhere working  
I'll be somewhere working  
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

#### **Verse 1:**

In the highways in the hedges  
In the highways in the hedges  
In the highways in the hedges  
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

#### **Verse 2:**

If my robe is white when He calls me  
If my robe is white I will hear him  
If my robe is white when He calls me  
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

#### **Verse 3:**

If He calls me I will answer  
If He calls me I will answer  
If He calls me I will answer  
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

### **DISMISSAL:**

*The Celebrant will dismiss the people*

**People: Thanks be to God.**



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OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREENING**



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



\* TGIFF: Friday, Sept. 25, 5:30 pm - Let's get ready for another fun Friday evening!

\* St. Paul's Movie Under the Stars – Sat., Sept. 26, at 7pm – See announcements for details.

\* The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert Memorial Concert -Sat., Oct. 3 at 7:30 pm.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.  
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## WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Sue Hammond  
Donna Marshall  
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Jude Augustus  
Emery  
Neal Mulholand  
Deb Mulholand  
Regina Williams  
Michelle Ellett  
Marty & Sue  
Kovach  
Gene Ekenstam

Jim Jewell  
Jim Turner  
Jack Carr  
Dick Bryan  
John  
David Gibbs  
John Helm  
Lolli Hilton  
Norma Cook  
Mark Park

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Vicky Carr

## 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

9/23 Heather Healy  
9/23 Marjorie Lowry  
9/20 Jim & Rosanna Brown

## SERVING THIS WEEK:

|                |                             |                            |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Celebrant      | The Rev. Annie Mertz        |                            |
| Preacher       | The Rev. Annie Mertz        |                            |
|                | <b>8:45 AM</b>              | <b>11:00 AM</b>            |
| Music          | John Partridge              | Cameron DePalma            |
| Lector         | Christopher Payne-Taylor    | Martha Saldaña-Wolf        |
| Intercessor    | Jim Brown                   | Kim Rodekohr               |
| LEM            | Jim Brown & Maleah Rios     | Kim Rodekohr & Maleah Rios |
| Shared Prayers |                             | Jim Wolf                   |
| Ushers         | Charlie & Dale Kilbourne    | Donna Patey & Debbie Borst |
| Altar Guild    | Kim Rodekohr & Robin Silver |                            |
| Flower Guild   | Robyn Peterson              |                            |
| Verger         | Leo Harrod                  |                            |

## 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  
Eric Foster, Communications Director  
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator  
Tim Markley, Archivist  
Kylie Lazarek, Nursery Staff  
Heather Pritchard, Nursery Staff

### VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden  
Richard Padfield, Junior Warden  
Donna Patey, Treasurer  
Charlie Kilbourne, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Brandon Bailey, Kathryn Gojack, Megan Klingensmith, Michelle Fitzgerald

### 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)  
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)  
 8:45 am +Communion  
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)  
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)  
 11 am +Communion  
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)



### MONDAY: 9/21

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

### TUESDAY: 9/22

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice  
 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)

### WEDNESDAY: 9/23

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

### THURSDAY: 9/24

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
 7:30 am Coffee **w/out** Rev. Annie  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 11 am +Music Practice  
 12:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice  
 7 pm BAFC Meeting (U)

### FRIDAY: 9/25

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

### SATURDAY: 9/26

7 am AA Meeting (U)  
 Outdoor Movie Screening  
 St. Paul's Backyard  
 Arrival: 7 pm  
 Showtime: 7:30 pm

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)  
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)  
 8:45 am +Communion  
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)  
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)  
 11 am +Communion  
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)  
 4 pm Meditation (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)



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