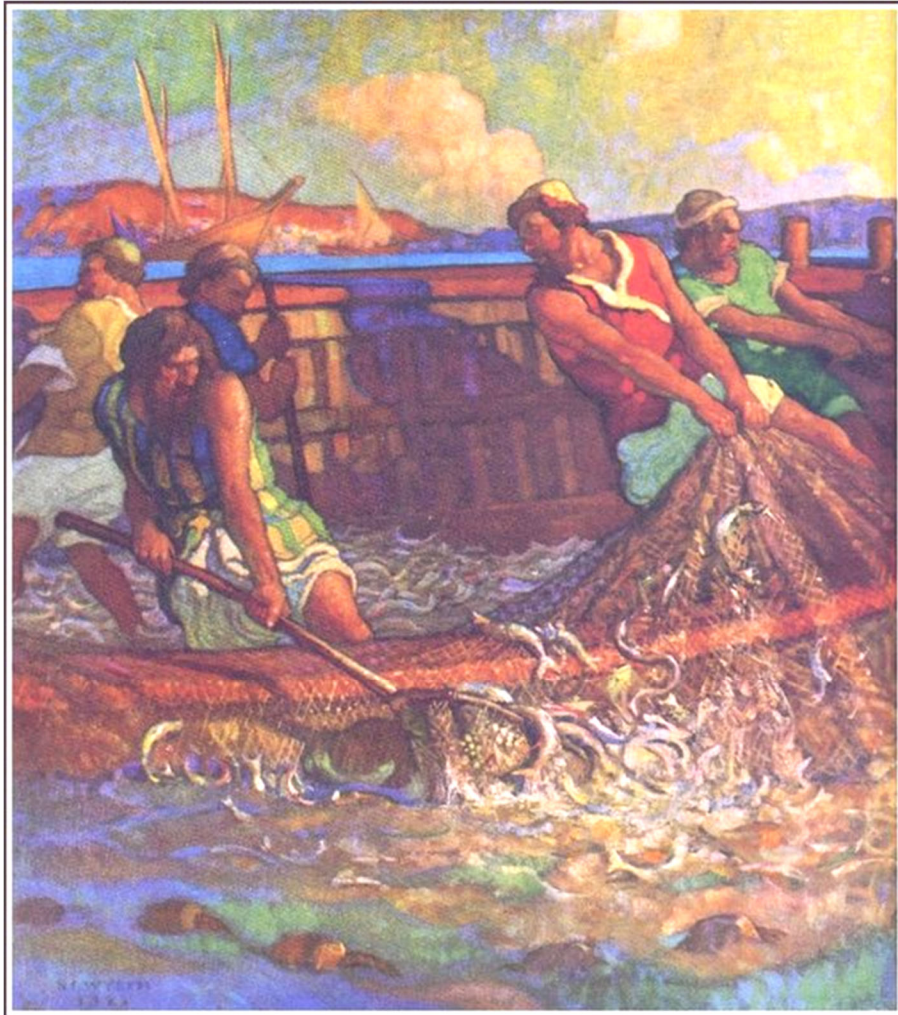


# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M. CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.  
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION, TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND  
TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*



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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 164 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

## 8:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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### THE WORD OF GOD

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**The Gloria** **BCP 356**

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.
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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.

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#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 8:00AM

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**Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

**Altar Server/Lector**  
David Tousignant

**Greeter/Usher**  
Tom Gerow

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 164 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

## 10:30AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

Voluntary	<i>Elegy</i>	George Thalben-Ball
Introit	<i>Jubilate Deo</i>	Micheal Praetorius
ProceSSIONAL Hymn 506 (vs 1-3, 6)	<i>Praise the Spirit in creation</i>	Finnian

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Opening Acclamation and Response

**Celebrant:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

#### The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### The Gloria

*Glory be to God*

Mass of St. Thomas

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

41  
Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the

50  
Fa - ther. *ff* Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 105:1-11,45

*Confitemini Domino*

William Hawes

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 is the Lord our God;  
his judgments prevail in all the world.  
He has always been mindful of his covenant,  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:  
The covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,  
Which he established as a statute for Jacob,  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,  
Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan  
to be your allotted inheritance."  
Hallelujah!

**The Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39**

**Reader:** A Reading from the book of Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn 700**

*O love that casts out fear*

Moseley

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:31-33,44-52.**

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily**

**The Reverend Caleb J. Lee**

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**

- Celebrant:** With Solomon and the great sages of our lineage, let us now turn our hearts to God and seek true wisdom, saying: O God, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor:** For the leaders of religious communities and parishes throughout the earth, as they journey towards truth and clarity, we pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for God’s people throughout the world; for Rob our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the ministry of the Clergy of St. Paul’s, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul’s in the Pines in Fayetteville and All Souls in the Northwest. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. Pray for the Church and we pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For government officials, caught in the arms race, locked in an age of deceit and suspicion, we pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For the sick, especially (*the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish that need our prayer*), for the dying victims of incurable disease, for those chained by depression, fear, and addiction, and for those who minister to them, we pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For the youth of our age in their search for the pearl of identity, we pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For all mothers and fathers who woke today without food for their children, we pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** For those who seek and never find, for those who travel without purpose, and for those blind to the needs of others, we pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*
- Intercessor:** We pray for the dead, especially (*the intercessor reads the names of any who may have died this week*). On the last day gather us all into your heavenly realm. We pray for God’s wisdom:
- People:** *O God, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Here other intercessions may be offered, either aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.  
*A moment of silence.*

**Celebrant:** Astonish us once again, O God, and bring forth from the storeroom of your heart the abundance of wisdom. May all who ask for your prayers know your love, and may we give testimony to your grace in our lives of compassion. In the name of Christ we pray. *Amen.*

## The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People:*

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.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*Just As A Father*

Luigi Cherubini

Just as a father, full of compassion,  
offers loving kindness unto all his children,  
so the Lord is gracious to those who love him.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.  
If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 13 for the QR code.*

### Presentation Hymn

*Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

**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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

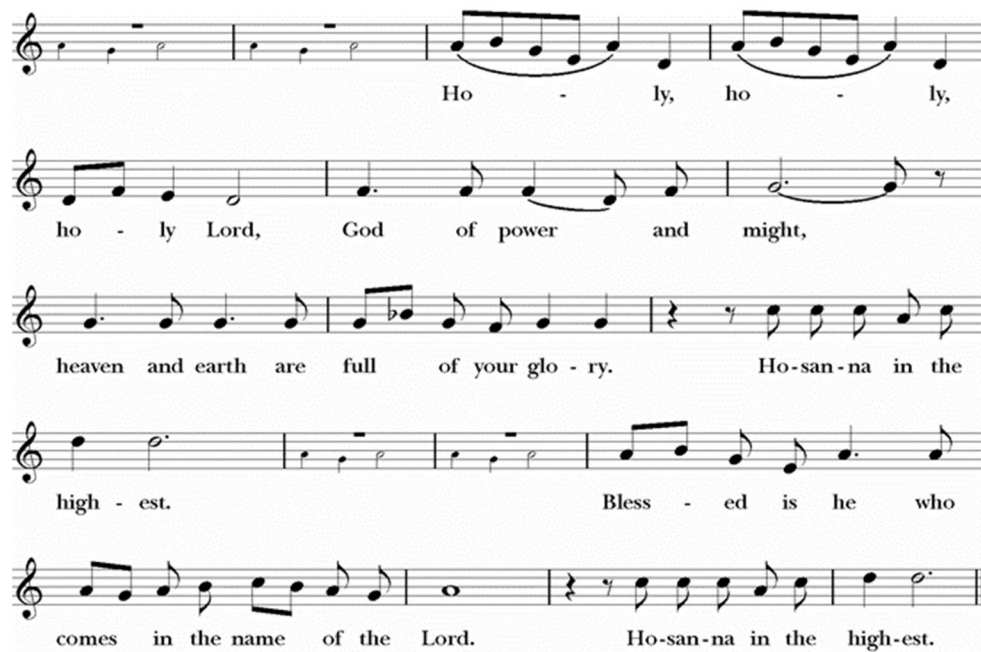
*The Celebrant continues with a Proper Preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus and Benedictus S128

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. *AMEN.*

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

*Taste and See*

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

*O Lamb of God*

St. Botolph

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, and grant to us your peace.

## Communion of the People

*Communion of both kinds is offered at the Altar Rail and the Baptistry. If you do not wish to receive communion please cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available at every station.*

### Communion Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Virgil Thompson

My shepherd will supply my need:  
Jehovah is His name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,  
Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
When I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death  
Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Thy supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
Thine oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be mine abode,  
And all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest,  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.

*The congregation is invited to sing the communion hymns.*

### Communion Hymn 615

*Thy Kingdom come! on bended knee*

St. Flavian

### Communion Hymn 510

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove*

St. Agnes

*Please stand.*

*If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent forth today to take the Sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion.*

#### Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

**Priest:** In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

### The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

BCP 365

*The people stand or kneel.*

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.

## The Blessing

### Processional Hymn

*The kingdom of God is justice and joy*

Hanover

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;  
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

### The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Voluntary

*Pisgah*

arr. Dale Wood

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS AT 10:30AM

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<b>Celebrant</b> The Reverend Michael Singer	<b>Intercessor</b> Joan Rosko Miller
<b>Preacher</b> The Reverend Caleb J. Lee	<b>Gospel Book Bearer</b> Cabe Lee
<b>Verger</b> Cheryl Wagoner	<b>Ushers</b> Al Cannon Tori Cannon
<b>Crucifers</b> Zoë Frederiksen Scott Sheble	Dianne Stansbury Shannon Rowe
<b>Altar Server</b> Zoë Frederiksen	Don Bobo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Herb Gant Carolyn Demorest	<b>Greeters</b> John Sheehan Denise Sheehan
Cabe Lee	<b>Flower Guild</b> David Frederiksen
<b>Lectors</b> Teresa Singer Allen Lee	<b>Altar Guild</b> Dot Erway Carolyn Demorest Lynda Miller

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ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

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**In Our Parish**

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Judy Farri	Dale Curran
Joe Farri	JoAnn Summey
Alice Calder	Barbara O'Rourke
Eileen Searle	Katherine Ramsey
Sib Vlahos	Greg Thomas
Tom Erway	Renée Patrick
Luvette Hickey	Lynda Miller
Margaret Haughey	Lloyd Olsen+

**People Requesting Prayer**

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Nathalie Rubin
Carroll Joines	Turner Rivenbark
Linda Harris	Teresa Biddle
Lynne Vanstory	Trevor Babcock
David Hayes	Richard Poole
Jim Holliday	Geoffrey LaSalle
David Walser	Chela Evans
Philip Watson	Jayne & Rob Tomlin
John	Baby Theo
Pat Noble	Suzanne Rutledge

**The Departed**

Denny Robertson  
Harriet Fowler

**About the Prayer List**

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. Names are listed for one month. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, [www.spechurch.com](http://www.spechurch.com).

**Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues**

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

**Sharing Holy Communion**

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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**Today, Sunday, July 30**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am** <sup>1</sup>Summer Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

Dinner & Faith Summer Quarterly Event

**Monday, July 31**

No events have been scheduled

**Tuesday, August 1**

**7:30am** *Early Bird Book Group will resume on Sept. 5*

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**Wednesday, August 2**

**12:10pm** Midday Eucharist

**Thursday, August 3**

**8:30am** GNP

**9:00am** Morning Prayer

**Friday, August 4**

**8:00am** Mensgroup

**Saturday, August 5**

Children, Youth & Families Beach Day

**Next Sunday, August 6**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**8:00am** Holy Eucharist

**9:15am-12pm** Nursery open

**9:30am** <sup>2</sup>Summer Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

**10:30am** Choral Eucharist + *reception following in parish hall*

<sup>1</sup> St. Paul's and the Civil War

<sup>2</sup> A New Vision for St. Paul's

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## COMING UP AT ST. PAUL'S

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**Summer Faith Formation:**

**Digging Deep into the History of St. Paul's**

**9:30am | Parish Hall**

Join our Archivist, Ellen Weig, for a conversation that explores the intersection of history, race, and St. Paul's spiritual DNA.

**July 30:** St. Paul's and the Civil War

**August 6:** A New Vision for St. Paul's

**August 13:** Streetcar Suburbs

**August 20:** From Troubled Times to Hospitality

**Children, Youth & Families Beach Day**

**Saturday, August 5 | Topsail Beach**

More details to follow - make sure you are on the Children, Youth and Family mailing list by contacting Meaghan Thomas at [speckids@spechurch.com](mailto:speckids@spechurch.com) to receive event information.

**Mother Hubbard's Cupboard**

**Monday, August 14 | 8:30am**

**Friday, August 18 | 8:30am**

St. Paul's supports the Mother Hubbard's Cupboard emergency food distribution center both financially and with volunteers who collect, pack and stock the donated non-perishable food donations. St Paul's volunteers pack boxes and bags for distribution to the community in need. St. Paul's currently assigned work days are every second Monday and every third Friday of each month. Summer months are a challenge since many volunteers are vacationing or are otherwise occupied. The next volunteer dates are August 14 and 18. On our work days we meet MHC (315 Red Cross St. 1 block off of 3<sup>rd</sup> St downtown) around 8:30am.

If you have questions please contact Steve Bucci.

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sunday, August 27 | 10:30am**

St. Paul's annual Blessing of the Backpacks will be held Sunday, August 27th during the 10:30am service.

Students and educators of all ages are invited to bring backpacks or bookbags for a blessing!

### **Summer Office Information**

This summer our church office is operating differently. Office hours are from 9am - 2pm on Monday through Thursday and 9am - 1 pm on Friday. April Cook is still the Parish Administrator but is working remotely. To contact her you can email the [admin@spechurch.com](mailto:admin@spechurch.com) email address. We are enjoying having volunteers in the office to answer the phones and greet parishioners and visitors. If you call or visit the office they can connect you to the clergy and church staff.

### **Ralph Fulton Tilden**

**February 10, 1930 - May 24, 2023**

The funeral liturgy for Ralph Tilden will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

### **St. Paul's to Offer Community of Hope Training Program**

Community of Hope International is a Christian community united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine Spirituality and equipped for service in pastoral care ministries. Are you interested in being a better listener? Are you feeling drawn to live into a more intentional spirituality? Then you might find COHI training and community meaningful. The initial COHI training offers a semester-long course including sessions on boundaries, meditation, etc. Upon completing the training and commissioning there are monthly "Circle of Care" gatherings that bring a wide range of speakers to build the skills of the members. These gatherings also offer an opportunity for fellowship and community building. If you have attended Community of Hope Int'l (COHI) training somewhere else or would like more information please contact the Rev.

Michael Singer, associate for pastoral care at [pastoral-care@spechurch.com](mailto:pastoral-care@spechurch.com). Visit the COHI website, [www.cohinternational.org](http://www.cohinternational.org) to learn more. St. Paul's is combining training and locations with St. James for this ministry.

Most sessions are on Tuesday evenings from September-early November.

To register, go to <https://spechurch.com/cohi>.

### **Save the Date**

Mark your calendars for the East Carolina Episcopal Revival

The revival will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, 2989 Easy Street, Dunn, NC with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. It promises to be an event you won't want to miss! The Diocese is seeking volunteers for the revival. If you are interested in helping, please check out the following link:

<https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/blog/seeking-revival-team-volunteers/?occurrence=354>

### **Blessing Box Gratitude**

To the faithful people of St. Paul's: Your generosity abounds. The Blessing Box supplies have been abundant because of all of you. Please continue to donate on behalf of God's Street Angels because the need is great. Thank You.

Blessings, Bob & Judy

### **In Grateful Appreciation, the Patrick Family**

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, visits, food and prayers. Your love and support has overwhelmed us in such a loving and beautiful way. You have made my recovery peaceful and Ernest's life comfortable. You'll never know what this truly means to us.

Renée and Ernest Patrick

## ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

**We are glad you are with us today.** If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

**Help:** Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

**Live-Streamed:** Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

**Masks:** All may, none must, some should.

**Worship:** St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Worship Kits:** Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will return in September from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** EYC will return in September from 9:30-10:15am in the library for 6th grade and older.



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