

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Today we begin the final week of celebrating the victory Christ won over sin and death at Easter.

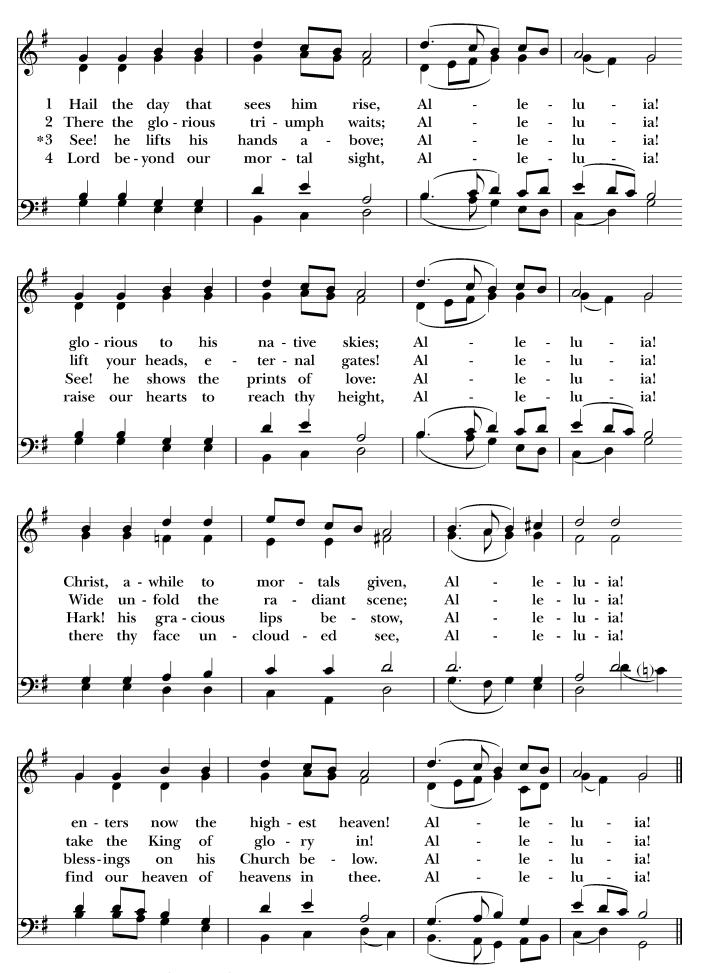
There were three aspects to that victory: Jesus' resurrection, his ascension into heaven, and his sending the Holy Spirit. Last Thursday the church celebrated the Ascension and in today's liturgy it is commemorated again. However, added to that is the theme of waiting for the Holy Spirit to come upon the church, empowering it for ministry.

Today's gospel reading is a portion of the "high priestly prayer" of Jesus for all his followers. This prayer, which he offered on the night before his death, was fulfilled at Easter. That unity between him and us for which he prayed was accomplished in the resurrection, ascension, and giving of the Spirit. We become united in his Spirit and his love by means of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist.

In our reading from Acts today, we hear how powerfully God's Spirit was at work in Paul and his friends. He and Silas were rescued from prison by an earthquake. As a result, the jailer was so impressed that he listened to their message, believed, and was baptized along with his family. The second reading is the concluding verses of Revelation in which the Lord's promise to return is anticipated.

Today's liturgy, then, looks forward to next Sunday when we celebrate God's presence with us in the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's gifts to us, equipping us to make Christ known to all people.

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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Robert Williams (1781-1821)

10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude

There is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual

Arr: Mark Hayes

Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

A Prayer for the Transition and Search Ministry

Tom Andrews

Almighty and ever-loving God, you have always been with your people in times of transition, revealing your nature, and showing forth your faithfulness: In this time, grant to us patient endurance, wise discernment, and joyful hope, as we seek and wait on you for our next rector; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn (Please see page 2 in bulletin)

Hymnal 214

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

The Celebrant says

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All Join the Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise (Please see page 4 and 5 in the bulletin)

WLP 880

Christ, Our Passover

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

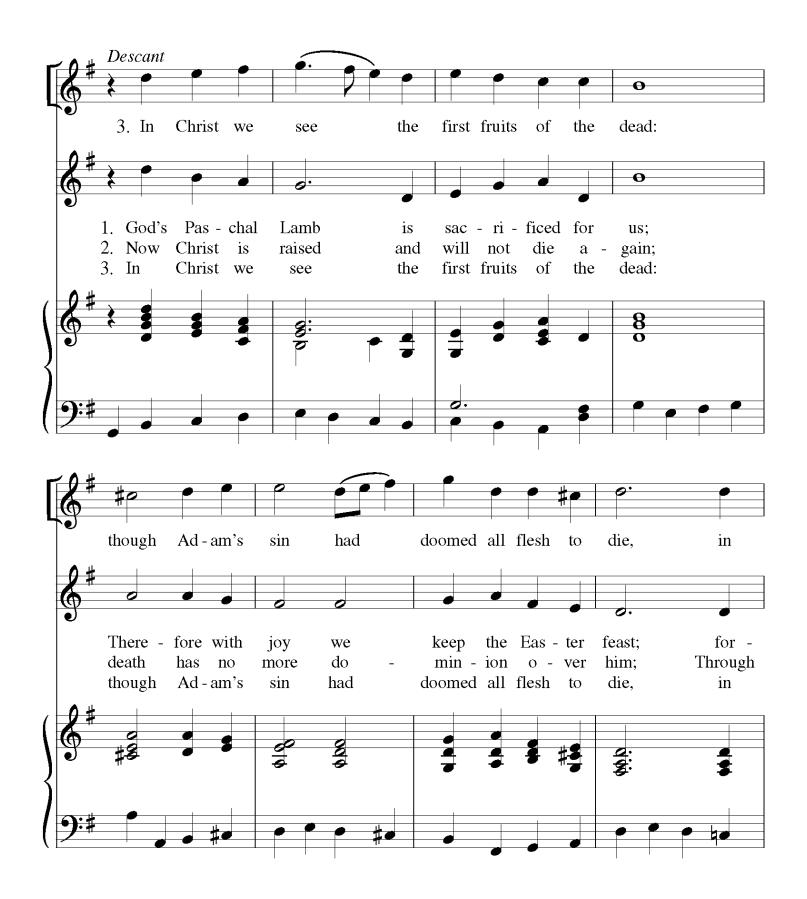
Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: Amen.





First Reading Acts 16:16-34

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; *

the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *

and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *

Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *

because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; *

you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *

he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *

and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



Holy Gospel John 17:20-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

Sermon The Reverend Mark Delcuze

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Intercessor

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,

For the beauty of this home God has created for us,

For our families and our friends. Let us give thanks to the God of Life. We pray for Jordon Clark who is celebrating his birthday this week.

Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church and the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Louis Bobovecz and Irene Bobovecz.

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer

Celebrant.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

King of Glory, King of Peace

K. Lee Scott

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lee

People We lift them to the Lord.

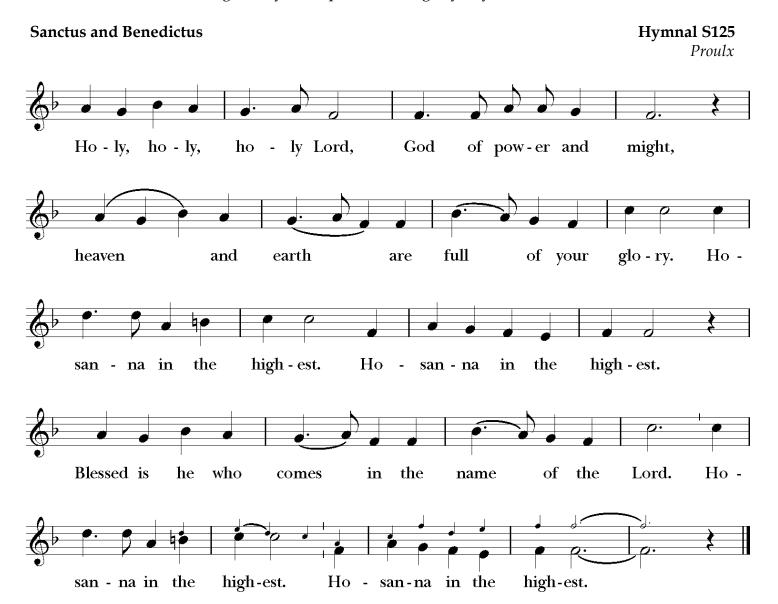
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:



Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*.

As now, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (Please use your blue hymnal)

S155

Near

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Lamb

St. Paul's Handbell Choir

Post-communion Prayer

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.

Blessing for the Easter Season

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Recessional Hymn (Please see pages 14 and 15)

Hymnal 450

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs 1-3, 6)

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Kinyon

St. Paul's Handbell Choir







6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS June 1, 2025

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

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Thomas Miller	Caleb Schneck	Lynn Anstatt	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Richards Tillman	Dot Abbott	Audra Ashley
Ben Heilman	Iris Hager	Phil Kavasilios	Klaus Liebig
Susan Mesnard	Kathryn Marchi	Abbey Rapoport	Karen Endley
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Dan Rugg	Whitney Wealing
Gary Isaacson	Wyatt Ewing	Kaylene Kovach	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Carol Weller	Audie Ashley	Brian Feeley	Thelma Emerson
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Jeff Little	Marta Caravacca
Emma Johnson	Liz Glass	Laura Fisher	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	Caleb Brown	Susan Sylvester
Ted Wooten	Phil Meyers	Eleanor Strietman	Thomas DiLullo
The Rev. Peggy Samuels	Lynn Johnson	Jane Stanton	Carla JTB & KAB
Ginny Schuman	Ed Ritchey	Will and Jessica Oesterling	
Selina Rivera	Darrell Schuman	Betty Clark	Гhe Rev. Frank Crumbaugh
Lillian Kirby	Coleman Sellers	Shane McCarthy	The Rev. Nathaniel Pierce

This Week at St. Paul's

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by Healing Prayer and Meditation. Handbell Choir practices at 5:15pm. The Choir rehearses at 7:00pm.

Mid-week Service:

Please join us on Wednesdays at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. You are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. This Wednesday we will honor John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli).

Next Week Readings:

Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17, 25-27 Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Attendance:

This week's attendance was 69, 50 at the 10:00am service, 5 viewed online, and 14 at the 11:00am Wednesday service.

Pentecost — June 8th Do not forget to wear red!



St. Paul's Parish is now streaming and recording our 10:00 Sunday services which are uploaded to the St. Paul's site on YouTube. Our videographers make every effort to avoid facial close-ups of worshipers. Your attendance indicates your understanding of our filming protocol.





When on October 20, 1958 the cardinals, assembled in conclave, elected Angelo Roncalli as pope many regarded him, because of his age and ambiguous reputation, as a transitional pope, little realizing that the pontificate of this man of 76 years would mark a turning point in history and initiate a new age for the Church. He took the name of John in honor of the precursor and the beloved disciple – but also because it was the name of a long line of popes whose pontificates had been short. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, the third of thirteen children, was born on November 25, 1881 at Sotto il Monte (Bergamo)

of a family of sharecroppers. He attended elementary school in the town, was tutored by a priest of Carvico, and at the age of twelve entered the seminary at Bergamo. A scholarship from the Cerasoli Foundation (1901) enabled him to go on to the Apollinaris in Rome where he studied under (among others) Umberto Benigni, the Church historian. He interrupted his studies for service in the Italian Army but returned to the seminary, completed his work for a doctorate in theology, and was ordained in 1904. Continuing his studies in canon law he was appointed secretary to the new bishop of Bergamo, Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi. Angelo served this social-minded prelate for nine years, acquiring first-hand experience and a broad understanding of the problems of the working class. He also taught apologetics, church history, and patrology. With the entry of Italy into World War I in 1915 he was recalled to military service as a chaplain. On leaving the service in 1918 he was appointed spiritual director of the seminary, but found time to open a hostel for students in Bergamo. It was at this time also that he began the research for a multi-volume work on the episcopal visitation of Bergamo by St. Charles Borromeo, the last volume of which was published after his elevation as pope. In 1921 he was called to Rome to reorganize the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Nominated titular archbishop of Areopolis and apostolic visitator to Bulgaria (1925), he immediately concerned himself with the problems of the Eastern Churches. Transferred in 1934 to Turkey and Greece as apostolic delegate, he set up an office in Istanbul for locating prisoners of war. In 1944 he was appointed nuncio to Paris to assist in the Church's post-war efforts in France, and became the first permanent observer of the Holy See at UNESCO, addressing its sixth and seventh general assemblies in 1951 and 1952. In 1953 he became cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and expected to spend his last years there in pastoral work. He was correcting proofs of the synodal Acts of his first diocesan Synod (1958) when he was called to Rome to participate in the conclave that elected him pope. In his first public address Pope John expressed his concern for reunion with separated Christians and for world peace. In his coronation address he asserted "vigorously and sincerely" that it was his intention to be a pastoral pope since "all other human gifts and accomplishments—learning, practical experience, diplomatic finesse – can broaden and enrich pastoral work but they cannot replace it." One of his first acts was to annul the regulation of Sixtus IV limiting the membership of the College of Cardinals to 70; within the next four years he enlarged it to 87 with the largest international representation in history. Less than three months after his election he announced that he would hold a diocesan synod for Rome, convoke an ecumenical council for the universal Church, and revise the Code of Canon Law. The synod, the first in the history of Rome, was held in 1960; Vatican Council II was convoked in 1962; and the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code was appointed in 1963. His progressive encyclical, Mater et Magistra, was issued in 1961 to commemorate the anniversary of Leo XIII's Rerum novarum. Pacem in terris, advocating human freedom and dignity as the basis for world order and peace, came out in 1963. He elevated the Pontifical Commission for Cinema, Radio, and Television to curial status, approved a new code of rubrics for the Breviary and Missal, made notable advances in ecumenical relations by creating a new Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and by appointing the first representative to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in New Delhi (1961). In 1960 he consecrated fourteen bishops for Asia, Africa, and Oceania. The International Balzan Foundation awarded him its Peace Prize in 1962. Since his death on June 3, 1963, much has been written and spoken about the warmth and holiness of the beloved Pope John. Perhaps the testimony of the world was best expressed by a newspaper drawing of the earth shrouded in mourning with the simple caption, "A Death in the Family."

May All Voices Be Heard

St. Paul's Transition and Search Committee

Our parish is beginning a new journey of faith and hope. In the coming months, we will engage our St. Paul's community in Holy Conversations and prayers, inspired by Christ and by one another, as we seek a new Rector.

This effort must truly "hear all the voices" of St. Paul's. Therefore, before each Sunday Service, a parish member—from the Vestry, the Search Committee, or the congregation-at-large—will offer a short prayer or reflection about our parish transition. These messages will be forward looking and personal, full of joy, and hope for our community of faith.



A General EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN meeting is scheduled for <u>June 8, 2025</u> *fifteen minutes after the completion of the <u>10 a.m.</u> Service.*

Every woman of St. Paul's is automatically a member of our ECW. That makes everyone welcome! We hope you will attend.

Allowing an extra 15 minutes before we begin the meeting will let you visit coffee hour and nibble some goodies. Bring treats to the meeting if you prefer. We hope you will join us 15 minutes after the Service <u>on Sunday</u>, <u>June 8, 2025</u>.

Thank you!
Barb Ackermann, ECW President



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Peggy Andrews Patricia Jamison Sherri Ward

2028

Debra Donnelly-Barton David Larrabee Tad Stewart

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Ministry	10:00am	10:00am	
Lector-Lessons	Sharon Burak	Judy Webster	
Lector - Prayers	Peggy Andrews	Doug Kaufmann	
LEM	Haley Melton	Doug Kaufmann	
LEM	D. Donnelly-Barton	Kim Hazuda	
Ushers	Scott Hazuda	Sally Cooper	
	Tom Andrews	Bill Clark	
	Dan Rugg	David Cooper	
Acolytes			
Server	Haley Melton	Dan Rugg	
Crucifer	Doug Kaufmann	Jimmy Miller	
Acolyte	Alex Leary		
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Tuesdays	Patricia Jamison	Gail Brown	
Altar Guild	Sharon North	Sally Cooper	
	Dot Abbott	Diane Freestate	
	Chrissy Aull	Ann Grace	
Flower Guild	Laura Roth	Pat Jamison	

The Flowers on the Altar are given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of Louis Bobovecz

Irene Bobovecz

The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

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