

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Welcome to St. Pauls! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, including the Skagit Tribe who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of the land, who have lived here and continue to live here since time immemorial.

Our Mission Statement

We believe that God is healing and restoring the world, and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.

Prayer For The Search Of The Next Rector

Eternal Guide, please watch over our steps as the congregations of Resurreccion and Saint Paul's walk the path of selecting a new rector. Guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose a spiritual leader and pastor for us – a leader who will care for your people and prepare us for our ministries. We ask that you bless them with insight, faithfulness, patience, and joy, so that they may truly hear your voice during their decision-making. Open the hearts of those who feel called to embark on this journey to an unfamiliar place, and walk with us as we trust in this process together. For the wonder of your love, Amen.

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev'd David Walker
Musician:	Elizabeth Mahoney, piano
Music Director:	J.J. Cully
Cantor:	Dan Niven
Eucharistic Minister:	Sharon Rader
Eucharistic Visitors:	Shelly Powell & Sue Shepherd/Dan Niven
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Greeters:	Paul & Judy Thompson
Lectors:	Carole Boss & Debby Bloom
Counters:	Sharon Johnson & Sue Shepherd

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Acacia McDermott at redwoodam@proton.me

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The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Welcome Presider

Prelude Brethren, we Have Met in Worship – Moore Elizabeth Mahoney, piano

Opening Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me ___ and rest;
2. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be ___ hold I free - ly give
3. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I ___ am this dark world's light;



and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on ___ my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day ___ be bright."



I ___ came to Je - sus as I was, so ___ wea - ry, ___ worn, and sad;
I ___ came to Je - sus, and I drank of ___ that life - giv - ing stream;
I ___ looked to Je - sus, and I found in ___ him my ___ Star, my Sun;



I ___ found in him ___ a ___ rest - ingplace, and he has made me glad.
my ___ thirst was quenched, my ___ soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light ___ of ___ life I'll walk till ___ pil - grim days are gone.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Gloria..... **Hymn S278**

In the front of the blue hymnal

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

Please be seated.

Lector: A Reading From Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14



I will praise your name for ev - er, my king and my God.

1. I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name for ever and ever.
2. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.
3. Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Lector: A Reading from Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... Lord, Be Thy Word My RuleHymn 626

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon..... The Rev’d David Walker

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as able.

**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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Presider: Let us offer our petitions, adoration and thanksgivings unto the Lord responding to the bidding “Patient and merciful Lord,” with “hear the prayers of your children”.

Eucharistic Minister: Blessed Father, we pray for your holy church. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop; for Philip, our own bishop; for Dennis, our Deacon; for David, our interim priest; and for our next Rector. We pray also for our Vestry and for those who gently shepherd us, especially during this time of discernment and transition. In our own diocese we pray for Holy Family of Jesus, Tacoma; St. Mary's, Lakewood; and St. Joseph - St. John, Lakewood; and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion

we pray for The Anglican Church of South America. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Patient Creator, we ask you to grant the President, our Congress, our Courts and State Governors the courage to lead our country with fairness and dignity for all, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or faith. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Loving God, watch over us tenderly as we gather to remember the selfless sacrifices made by so many Americans over the past 250 years. May the actions of those who fought for our freedom never be taken for granted. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Merciful God, we ask that you grant us the strength and patience to listen to those who experience life differently than we do. Help us to accept that life can be very challenging for all of your children. Help us sometimes to just be silent, and to listen without judgment. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Precious Lord, we praise you for this loving, giving community of St Paul's. Help us to gently care for each other. Watch over us as we move into hot summer weather and extended vacations. Protect those who travel. Hold us as we continue to love and care for those who are struggling to pay their bills and keep food on their tables. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Blessed Creator, we ask your healing mercy upon ourselves, our families and friends; and upon all of those who are deeply impacted by isolation and loneliness, especially those in care facilities. We pray for those who struggle daily with addictions and PTSD. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Most Gracious God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for keeping us safe during this unsettling time of social unrest; and we thank you for the roofs over our heads. Thank you for our very breath. May we never take your blessed gifts for granted. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Loving Lord, we ask that you welcome into your tender arms our loved ones who have been taken from our arms to be with you instead. Hold us gently as we remember with aching hearts the music and laughter they brought to our lives. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

For whom or for what else do we pray?

The Presider offers a concluding collect

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and 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 you Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

If you are worshipping with us virtually, use the chat function to “say” peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgivings

Offertory O Very God of Very God Hymn 672
Your gifts are much appreciated.

If you are joining this live stream, you may mail your offering/pledge to 415 S. 18th Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at www.stpaulsmv.org

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward for communion or blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. The assembly is invited to stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

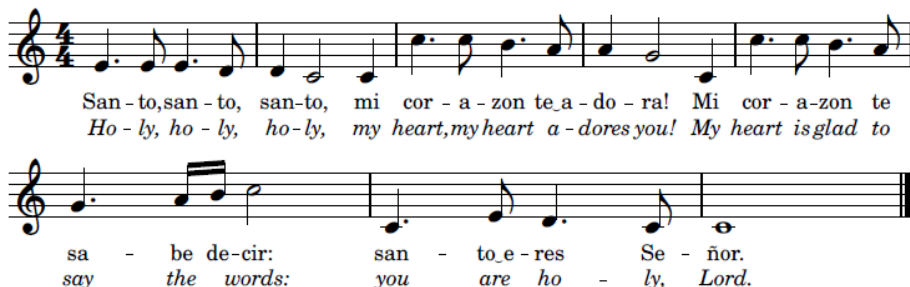
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we gladly lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving and praise, because you have hidden your story of salvation from the wise and intelligent and revealed it to infants. You have disclosed your mercy to the outcast Hagar, to the barren Sarah, to the shunned Rahab, to the childless Hannah, and to the unmarried Mary.

In Jesus you became a child for us, through whom we might discover the secrets of your glory. Again and again you revealed your sacred purpose through those your world despises, demeans, or ignores. Finally you made your purpose known through you Son, cursed by our sin as he hung on the cross.

And so we rejoice with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi cor - a - zon te
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My heart is glad to
sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Presider: Overflowing God, as you led your children to meet their destinies at the well, you become in Christ the well of life that replenished us that we may never be thirsty again. Fill your church with your abundant grace that it may be a cup that runneth over with your mercy. Send your Holy Spirit upon this food and drink, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying “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; Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: God of the weary and heavy laden, God of the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free, God of the homeless and the tempest-tossed, bring rest to all who labor today. Set your gentle yoke upon them, for you are gentle and humble in heart.

Be a shining golden light in the souls of all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, with demons within or without, with fears about the future or regrets about the past.

Through this communion with you in union with Christ in the power of your Spirit, write on our hearts a new law that draws us to walk with you across the storms of suffering, the tremors of temptation, and the pangs of persecution. And on the last day, bring us home to you forever.

Amen.

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil For the king - dom the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. a - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Hymn S161

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

Those present are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar after the invitation by the Presider. Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.

Communion Hymn..... Behold The Lamb



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

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Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Presider sends forth the Eucharistic Ministers:

Presider: We who are many are one body

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Presider: In the name of God and of this congregation 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: As you have been fed, now feed others in the name of Christ.

Presider: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn..... America Hymn 719

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Let Freedom Ring arr. Tornquist

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Announcements and Opportunities

Take this page home with you to update your calendars.

Welcome to our guests: We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you

Signs and Grace – Formation Opportunity

There will be a three-week formation series called "Signs and Grace" on July 8, 15, and 22. We will have soup and bread at 6 with the discussion starting at 6:30. There are sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall, one for bringing soup or bread and one of who will be attending so that we know how much soup to bring.

Morning Prayer

Morning prayer is offered each Wednesday morning at 9:00, both in-person and by zoom. Check the church website for zoom link and phone-in information.

Coffee Hour

The morning's Coffee Hour is hosted by Melissa Bird and her sons as a celebration of Independence weekend. Stay after worship for some coffee and conversation and a delicious lunch.

You can also sign up on the clipboard to host coffee hour. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just cookies and coffee are great! Contact Arlene Zimmerman or Melissa Bird if you have questions.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given today by Beth Fuentes. Sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall to bring flowers to enhance our worship space. Contact Jen McCabe if you have questions.

SonShine Crafters (New Day)!

The SonShine Crafters meet the first and third Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. Please join us for craft projects and fellowship. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

Art in the Narthex

The art in the narthex are Prayer Mandala from Acacia McDermott. Mandalas (including Celtic crosses and labyrinth patterns) are used to quiet the mind, focus attention, and draw closer to God. Many spiritual retreats use coloring or painting Mandalas as a form of "praying with paint", blending intercessory prayer with deep, contemplative breathing. Thanks Acacia for sharing these drawings.

Do you have art you would like to display in the narthex? Religious or otherwise, we enjoy seeing what parishioners enjoy in their homes. It does not have to be your own artwork. It can be fiber, glass, paint, sculpture or whatever medium. Contact Margie Lauer to arrange scheduling. 425.248.9336