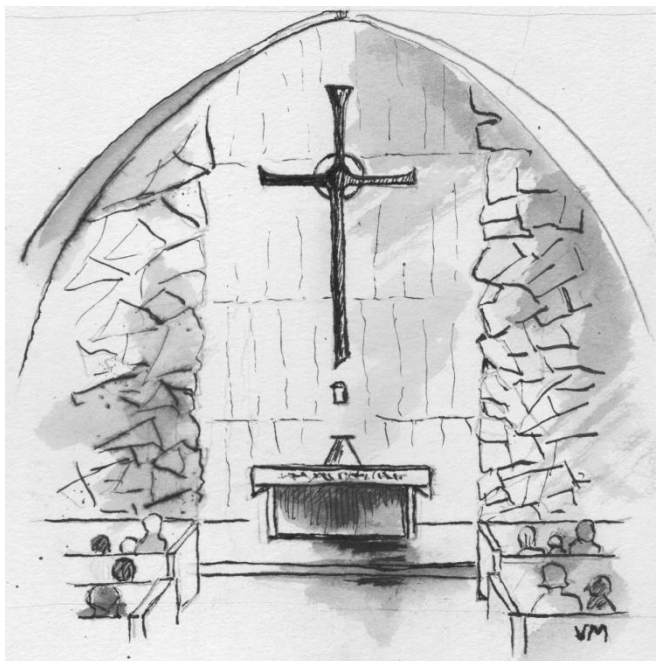




SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

PLEASE SEE A GREETER FOR ASSISTANCE

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

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Presider and Preacher: | The Rev’d David Walker |
| Deacon: | The Rev’d Dennis Taylor |
| Music Director: | J.J. Cully |
| Musician: | Elizabeth Mahoney, piano |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Sharon Rader |
| Eucharistic Visitors: | Shelley Powell & Sue Shepherd |
| Acolyte: | Daniel Dempsey |
| Greeters: | Penney Worrell & Carol Treston |
| Lectors: | Sandy McDougall & Rod Chandler |
| Counters: | Joe Thomas & Martha Lum |

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 *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy* Elizabeth Mahoney, Piano
Opoening Hymn Praise My Soul the King of Heaven..... Hymn 410

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 S236

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: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Lector: A Reading From Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Lector: A Reading from Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual HymnThere is a Well

Congregation/Melody

1. There is a well— for those who are thirst-ing for those who are
2. There is a well— un-known to themight-y— butclose to the
3. There is a well— for those who are rest-less long-ing for

des-p'rate, the bro-ken and poor. Where those who drink from the wa-ters be-
man-y— with noth-ing in store
mer-cy,— cre - a - tion-re - stored.

neath them; theyshalllive al - ways and thirstno more— more.——

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 15: 21-28

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The SermonThe 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

Deacon: The Canaanite woman pressed upon Jesus her needs and was heard. With expectant faith, let us place before God earnest petitions for ourselves and our world, saying: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Eucharistic Minister: For our world, in need of healing, in search of a savior, yet far from Jesus, let us call out to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

For the churches and their leaders, at times narrowed by institutional concerns and blind to the differing manifestations of faith; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our bishop; Dennis, our deacon; and David, Rilla, Keith, Vicki, and Gary, our priests; and may our times of worship, fellowship, and service bring you glory and build up your people, let us call out to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

For those granted the authority of governance in this and every land, that the privilege to serve be administered with integrity, compassion, fairness, and the common good, let us call out to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

For those who are troubled by demons of mind or body, for those who must watch others suffer, and especially for those whose challenges we know personally, let us call out to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

For those whose faith is impelling them beyond the limits of society and the constraints of culture, let us call out to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

For all of us present, for those whose faith is known to God alone, and for those intentions we hold deep in our hearts, let us call out to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

For all those who have died in assurance of the resurrection, let us call out to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

For whom or what else do we pray?

Presider: Infinite God, we have no claim on your mercy; yet it is your mercy we so desperately need. Turn your ear toward our supplications, and grant us your healing touch. We ask this with faith in the name of Jesus, who is the Savior of the world and one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: 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

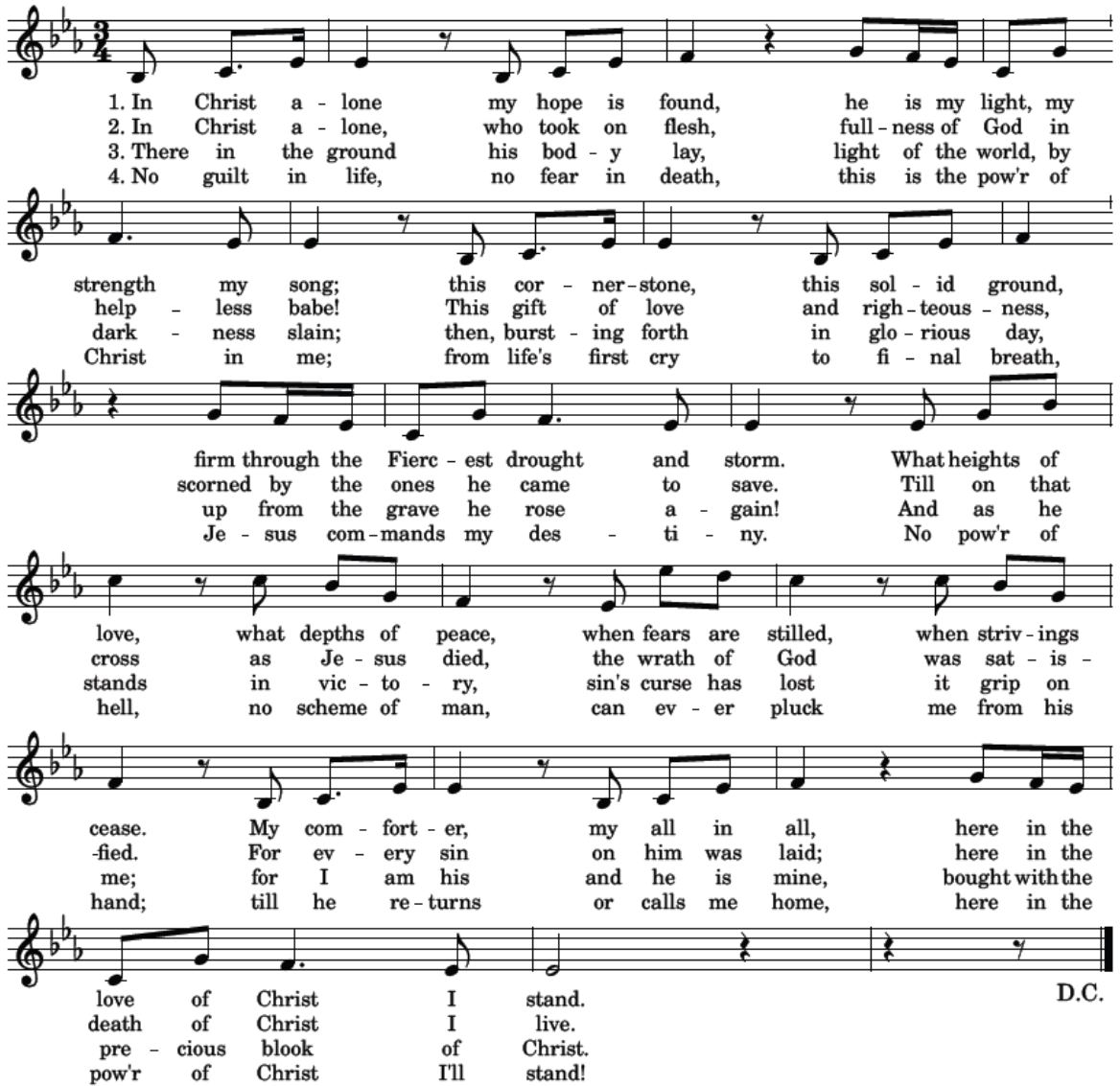
Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

If you are worshiping 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 In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world, by
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of

strength my song; this cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground,
help - less babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness,
dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

firm through the Fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that
up from the grave he rose a - gain! And as he
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost it grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
- fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid; here in the
me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the
hand; till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

D.C.

Your gifts are much appreciated.

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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 -- Eucharistic Prayer A

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 as they are able for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Intinction, also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of our chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to God.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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..... Hymn S125
In the front of the blue hymnal

Presider: Oh God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus 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:

Presider and People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

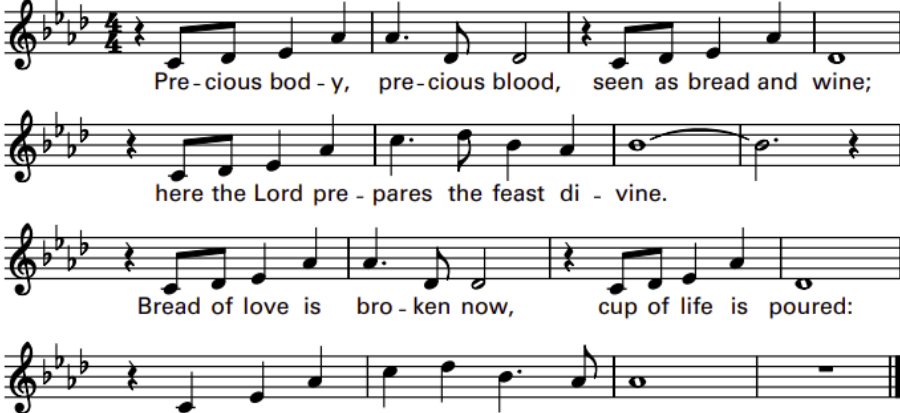
Fraction Hymn..... S161

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.

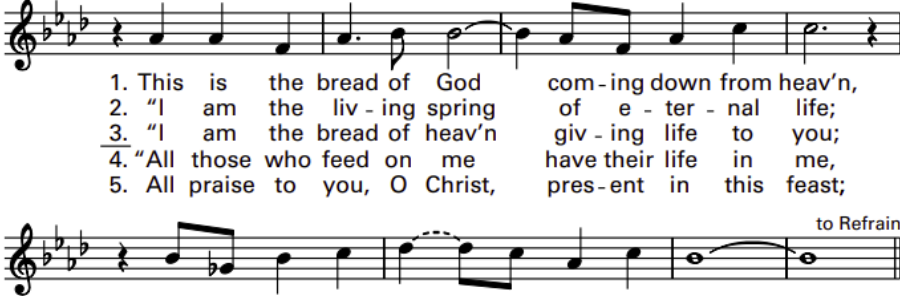
Communion Hymn The Supper of the Lord

Refrain



Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, seen as bread and wine;
here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.
Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:
come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses



1. This is the bread of God com - ing down from heav'n,
2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,
5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres - ent in this feast;

to Refrain



1. giv - ing life to us, to all the world.
2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."
3. you that eat this bread shall nev - er die."
4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."
5. in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Visitors:

Deacon: We who are many are one body

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

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: 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..... In Christ There is No East or West Hymn 529

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude *Jesus Messiah*arr. Labenske

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

Bishop's Visitation to St. Pauls and Resurrección

Save the Date! Bishop Philip LaBelle will be with us for a bilingual service September 6th, Labor Day weekend. There are plans in the works for a potluck following the service. Change your camping plans and let's give +Phil a big, warm St. Paul's welcome!

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given by Kethi Forbes in thanksgiving for her loving and wonderful family. Thanks so much, Kathi.

If you would like to enhance our worship experience through the giving of flowers, please sign up in the Parish hall.

Coffee Hour

The coffee hour this morning is hosted by Carolyn's Guild. Sign up in the Parish Hall to host a coffee hour.

Buckets and Brooms Brigade

In preparation for the Bishop's visit, we will have a Buckets and Brooms Brigade work party on August 22nd from 8-12, to spiffy up the building. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided at Noon to say thanks.

Art in the Narthex

The art in the narthex is needlepoint by Margie Lauer, and a painting by Logan Fox, courtesy of Paul and Judy Thompson. 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

Gospel Bible Study

A new Bible study on the Gospels consisting of 4 separate units of 12 week sessions will begin in September. Our weekly sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm on Zoom. The first session will begin on September 14th using the study book "Focus on Luke" by Carol Cheney Donahoe. (There are also "Focus on Matthew", "Focus on Mark", and "Focus on John" books.) Books can be purchased online and you can often find used copies. You will need a Bible for your readings, or if you don't have one you can do your readings through <https://www.biblegateway.com/> and pick whichever Bible version you want.

If you would like to join these sessions or if you have questions, please talk to Sandy McDougall who will be the facilitator. 360-630-9405 sandymcd29@gmail.com

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