



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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

Presider:	The Rev’d David Walker
Preacher:	Michael Rader
Music Director:	J.J. Cully
Eucharistic Minister:	Sharon Rader
Eucharistic Visitors:	Shelley Powell and Acacia McDermott
Acolyte:	Daniel Dempsey
Greeters:	Susan Sanderson and Paul Lowe
Lectors:	Sharon Rader and Rod Chandler
Counters:	Elizabeth Tucker and Dianna Hume

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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Labenske

Opening HymnGlorious Things of Thee are Spoken.....Hymn 522

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

GloriaHymn S280

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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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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 Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Read antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson

Lector: A Reading from Romans 14-1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn When We Come to Disagree



1. When we come to dis - a - gree, can I treat you ten - der - ly?
2. When your ac - tions cause con - cern, can I take the time to learn
3. As we share what's deep and true, I will find a path to you,



1. Can I hold you in my heart when our dreams are far a - part?
2. what you hoped for in the end? Can I choose to com - pre - hend?
3. one that leads us fur - ther on, one in which our fear is gone.



1. When I fear the things you say, can I love you an - y - way?
2. Can I meet you face to face, off - er - ing an o - pen space
3. Je - sus taught us to for - give, off - er - ing a way to live.



1. When I fear the things you do, can I stop and pray for you?
2. to ex - plain my trou - bled mind when our lives are not a - lined?
3. May for - give - ness set us free when we come to dis - a - gree.

The Gospel

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 18:21-35

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The SermonMichael Rader

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

Eucharistic Minister: Let us offer our petitions, adoration and thanksgivings to the Lord responding to the bidding, “Hear our prayers, O Lord,” with “And forsake not your children”.

Blessed Father, we pray for your holy church. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop; for Phillip, our own bishop; for David our interim priest, and for Dennis, our deacon. We pray for our Bishop’s Committee and for those who gently shepherd us. In our own diocese we pray for St. Germain, Hoodspout; for St. Benedict, Lacey; and for our sister congregation, Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of New Zealand and Polynesia. Hear our prayers, O Lord, **and forsake not your children.**

Almighty God, we pray that you watch over our nation and our elected leaders. May they faithfully regard their citizens with respect and dignity. And please watch over our military and police who put their lives on the line every day. Hear our prayers, O Lord, **and forsake not your children.**

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence and discrimination who suffer simply because they look or sound different from us. Hear our prayers, O Lord, **and forsake not 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 gently over us as we strive to love and care for our hungry and unhoused neighbors. Hear our prayers, O Lord, **and forsake not your children.**

Blessed Creator, we ask for your healing mercy upon ourselves, our families and our neighbors. Smile upon all your children who are deeply impacted by isolation and loneliness. We pray also for our brothers and sisters who are struggling with addictions or PTSD. Hear our prayers, O Lord, **and forsake not your children.**

Most Gracious God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for our local farmers who grow and harvest the food for our tables. We thank you for safe shelter over our heads as the weather grows cold and wet. Thank you for our very breath. May we never take any of your blessed gifts for granted. Hear our prayers, O Lord, **and forsake not your children.**

Loving Father, we pray that you welcome into your tender arms our loved ones whose earthly journeys have come to an end, especially those who have died alone. Hold us gently as we tearfully remember the joy and laughter they once brought into our lives.

For whom or what else do we pray?

Presider: Most High God, your ways are not our ways, yet your ways bear life. Hear the petitions of your assembled people. Pour out on your world the faith to hear your call and the courage to answer it. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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 your 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

OffertoryForgive Our Sins.....Hymn 674

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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: 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 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

SanctusHymn 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 HymnS161

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..... Ubi Caratas

U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra:

De - us i - bi est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to - geth - er. Let
2. In true com - mu - nion let us gath - er. May
3. May we who gath - er at this ta - ble to
4. For those in need make us your mer - cy, for
5. May we one day be - hold your glo - ry and

1. us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the D.C.

1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing - e - ter - nal praise.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Presider sends forth the Eucharistic Visitors:

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.**

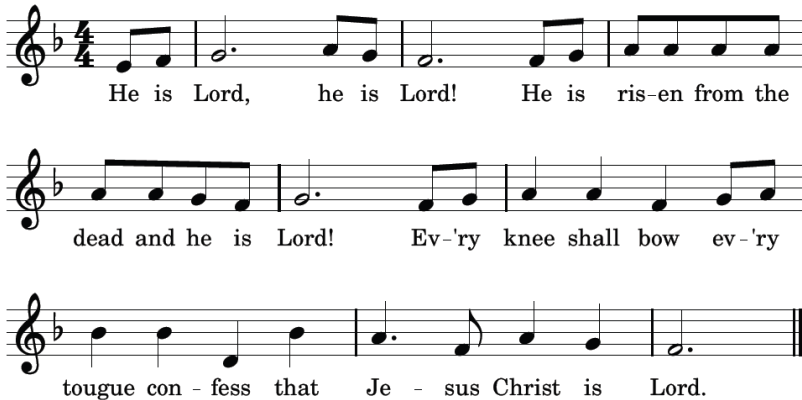
Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider 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

Closing Hymn.....He is Lord



He is Lord, he is Lord! He is ris-en from the
dead and he is Lord! Ev-'ry knee shall bow ev-'ry
tongue con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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!**

PostludeHosanna with To God Be the Glory..... arr. Tornquist