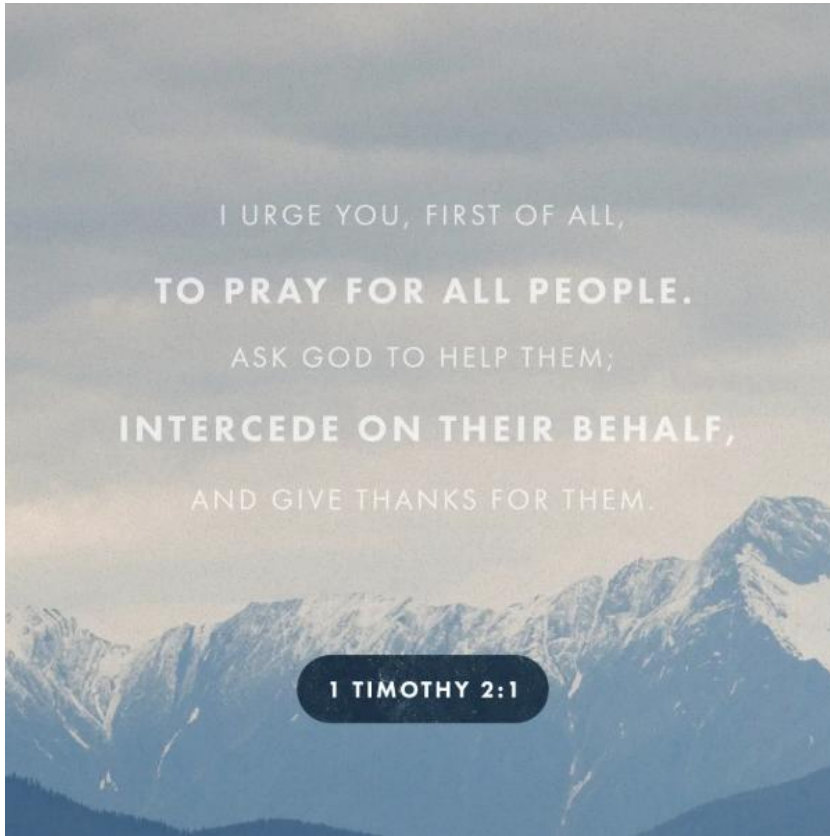


SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome to St. Paul’s! 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.

Our worship service takes place here and online; it is also being recorded for later viewing. Feel free to greet one another as is your custom as you gather. When we are ready to start, our Angels Aloft will sound an opening bell. This signals those gathered that our service is now being recorded. Please maintain quiet and turn your attention to our opening activities at this time.



The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Opening Bell

Welcome.....*Presider*

Announcements*Member of Vestry*

Prelude..... Give Me Jesus Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven

Land Acknowledgement.....*Presider*

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, especially the Skagit Nation 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.

Mission Statement

Presider and People:

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The Word of God

Please stand as able.

Opening Hymn..... Jesus Calls Us Hymn 550

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

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

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Lector: A Reading from **Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

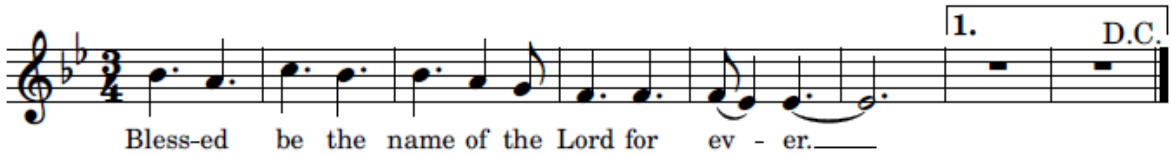
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113



Canted Verses:

1. Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.
2. From the rising to the setting of the sun is the name of the Lord to be praised.
High above all nations is the Lord; above the heavens is his glory..
3. Who is like the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?
4. He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor,
To seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people.

Lector: A Reading from **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Change My Heart O God

Change my heart O God;— make it ev - er true. —
Last time

Change my heart O God;— may I be like you.

You are the pot - er; I am the clay. — **D.C.**

Mold me and make - me; this is what I — pray.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 16:1-13

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will

either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. David Walker

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

**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 Form IV

*The Leader reads regular type, the **People** respond **boldly***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the search process for our congregations;

Eternal Guide, please watch over our steps as the congregations of Resurrección 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.

Leader speaks a concluding collect.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.
God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Peace / La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. / La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
People: And also with you. / Y con tu espíritu.

*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.*

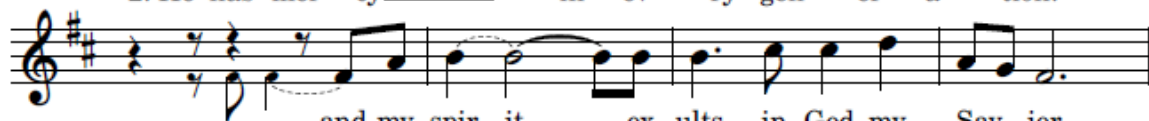
Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

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Offertory Hymn Holy Is His Name



1. My soul___ pro-claims the great - ness of the Lord,___
 2. He has mer - cy_____ in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.



and my spir - it_____ ex - ults in God my Sav - ior.
 He has___ re - vealed_____ his pow - er and his glo - ry.



For he has looked___with mer - cy on my low - li - ness
 He has cast down_____ the might - y in their ar - ro-gance,



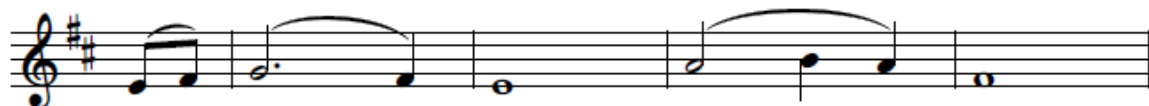
and my name___ will be for - ev - er ex - al - ted.
 and has lift - ed up___ the meek and the low - ly.



For the might - y God has done great things for me,
 He has come to help his ser - vant Is - ra - el;



and his mer-cy_____ will reach from age to age.____
 he re - mem-bers___ his prom - ise to our fa - thers.



And Ho ly, ho - - ly,



ho - ly is his___ name.

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 – 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, please indicate if desired. 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 your chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

Please stand as able

Presider: May 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.

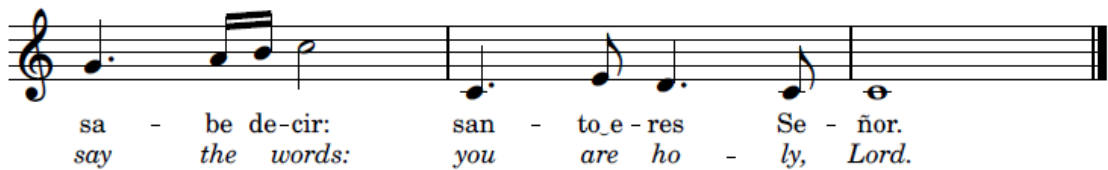
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, the Maker of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:





Presider: O 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, Jesus 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, Jesus 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, Most Holy God, 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 are yours, Most Blessed One, now and 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: Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Hymn

Se - ñor y Je - su - cris - to, Hi - jo del Dios vi - vo Se - ñor y Je - su - cris - to, Hi -
 Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the li - ving God, Lord Jesus Christ, Son
 - jo del Dios vi - vo. O - ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res O -
 of the li - ving God, O have mer - cy on us sin - ers, O
 - ten me - se - ri - cor - dia de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res
 have mer - cy on us sin - ners.

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

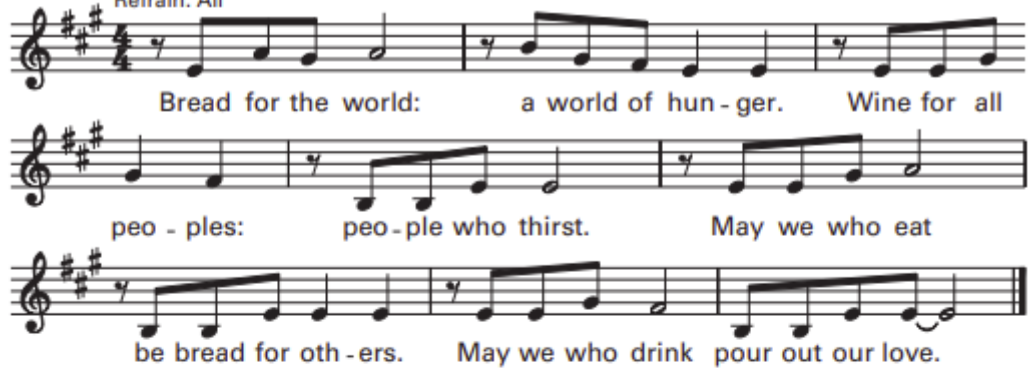
Please be seated.

Those present are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar at the direction of the usher.

Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.

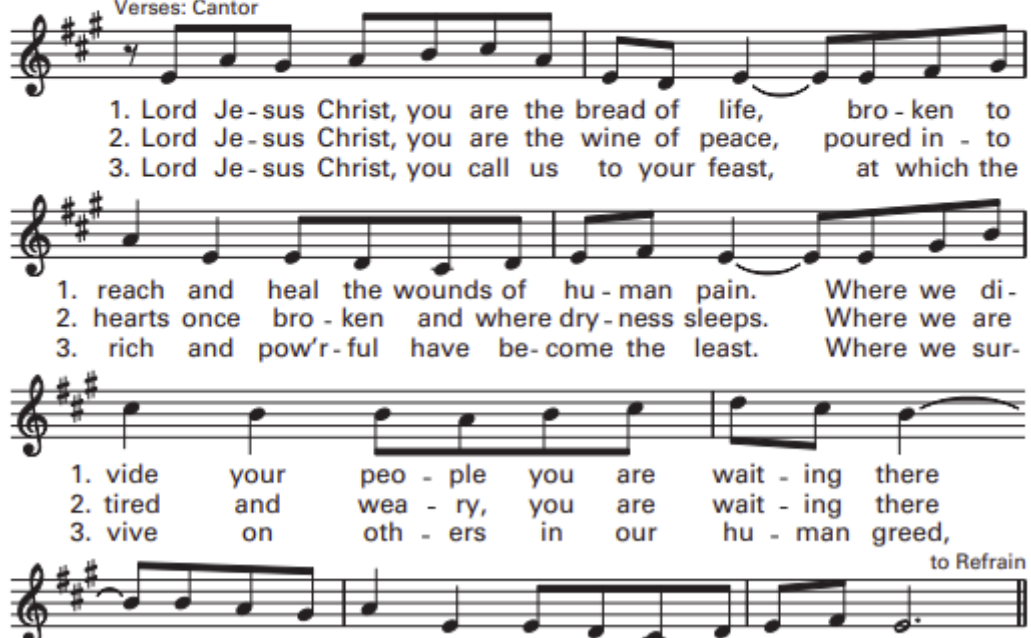
Communion Hymn.....Bread For the World

Refrain: All



Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger. Wine for all
peo - ples: peo - ple who thirst. May we who eat
be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses: Cantor



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the

1. reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -
2. hearts once bro - ken and where dry - ness sleeps. Where we are
3. rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -

1. vide your peo - ple you are wait - ing there
2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there
3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed,

to Refrain



1. on bend - ed knee to wash our feet with end - less care.
2. to be the way which beck - ons us be - yond de - spair.
3. you walk a - mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

Sending out of 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

Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn..... Rock of Ages Hymn 685

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Our God Arr. Tornquist

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher	The Reverend David Walker
Deacon:	The Reverend Dennis Taylor
Music Director	J.J. Cully
Musician	Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven
Eucharistic Minister:	Mary Ann Taylor
Eucharistic Visitors:	Dan Niven & Mary Ann Taylor
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Greeters:	Elizabeth Tucker & Sherri Greenleaf
Lector(s):	Susan Sanderson & Jen McCabe
Counters:	Bud Burnham & Joe Thomas

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

Announcements And Opportunities

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 better.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are brought to you by the generous donations of the congregation to the Altar Guild. As we are happy to prepare the altar for worship, including flowers, your individual contribution towards altar flowers is always welcome. Please sign up in the parish hall to contribute to this ongoing ministry.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Tony and Nicole Smith. It is also a time for all members to voice their thoughts, concerns, and ideas about what kinds of things they see as necessary to be brought forward to the search committee. Please stay as you can for this important time of sharing.

Participants in Healing Second Half 2025 Ask

We are well into the second half of 2025, and Participants in Healing (PiH) is working on determining where our outreach giving should go for this second giving of the year, which will be made around the holidays. Your input on re-printing organizations is appreciated.

The ask is for you to consider giving an extra six percent, over whatever you believe is appropriate, to Participants in Healing, clearly marked on the gift. Thank you from the members of the PiH, Deacon Dennis Taylor, Carol Boss, Cathey Fredrick, Joe Thomas, Margie Lauer, Susan Sanderson, Darrin Rankin.

Veterans Food Drive

October 1 through November 11 the City of Mount Vernon is having a Veterans Food Drive. The City will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and household goods at participating locations. All donations will be distributed to veterans via Skagit Vet-Connect. Donations will be accepted at the Park Administrative Office at Hillcrest Park, City Hall (downtown), and other locations. Check the city website for more location information. <https://.mountvernonwa.gov/1124/Veterans-Day-Food-Drive>

Art in the Narthex

The art in the narthex is from Rod Chandler. Thanks so much for sharing with us. For more information about these images, see the eblast.

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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.

TELECOIL ASSIST AVAILABLE.



HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE,
PLEASE SEE A GREETER.

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