

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025  
THE NINETEENTH 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.....Wonderful, Merciful Savior.....Molly James
- 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:***  
**We believe that God is healing and restoring the world, and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.**

# The Word of God

*Please stand as able.*

Opening Hymn..... I To The Hills .....Hymn 668

## 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

Gloria .....Hymn S280

*This page and next*

1. Glo-ry to God in the High - est and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

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## The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People:*

**Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 121

#### ANTIPHON



Our help is from the Lord who made heav-en and earth.

Canted Verses:

1. I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?  
My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **ANTIPHON**
2. May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you:  
Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel. **ANTIPHON**
3. The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade; he is beside you at your right hand.  
The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. **ANTIPHON**
4. The Lord will guard you from all evil; He will guard your life.  
The Lord will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever. **ANTIPHON**

Lector: A Reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

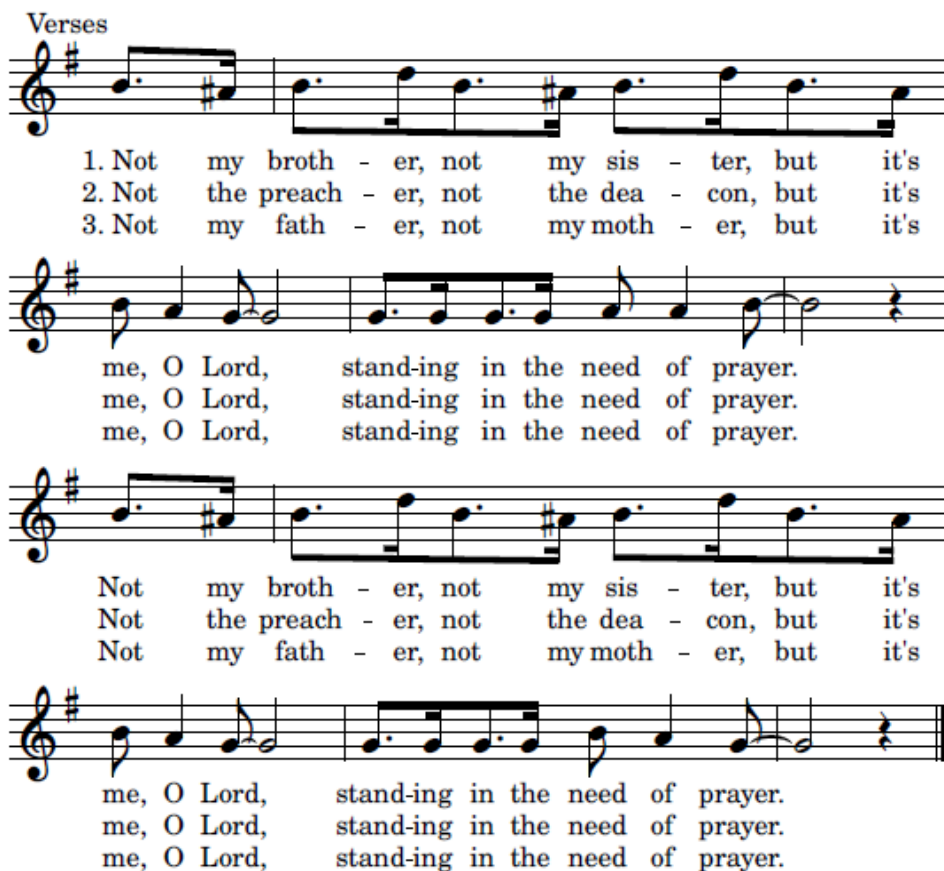
**Gradual Hymn** ..... It's Me, It's Me O Lord ..... Hymn 707

Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-ing in the'. The second staff contains 'need of prayer. It's me, it's'. The third staff contains 'me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.' and ends with a double bar line.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-ing in the  
need of prayer. It's me, it's  
me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

Verses



1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's  
 2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's  
 3. Not my fath - er, not my moth - er, but it's

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Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 18:1-8

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

The Sermon .....The Rev. Vicki Smaby Wesen

*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**

*Presider speaks a concluding collect.*

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

**Presider and People: 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**

*Your gifts are much appreciated.*

*If you are joining this live stream, you may mail your offering/pledge to 415 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at [www.stpaulsmv.org](http://www.stpaulsmv.org)*

Offertory Hymn ..... How Can I keep From Singing ..... St. Paul's Choir

## **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    Enriching Our Worship 3**

*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.*

*Please stand as able*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

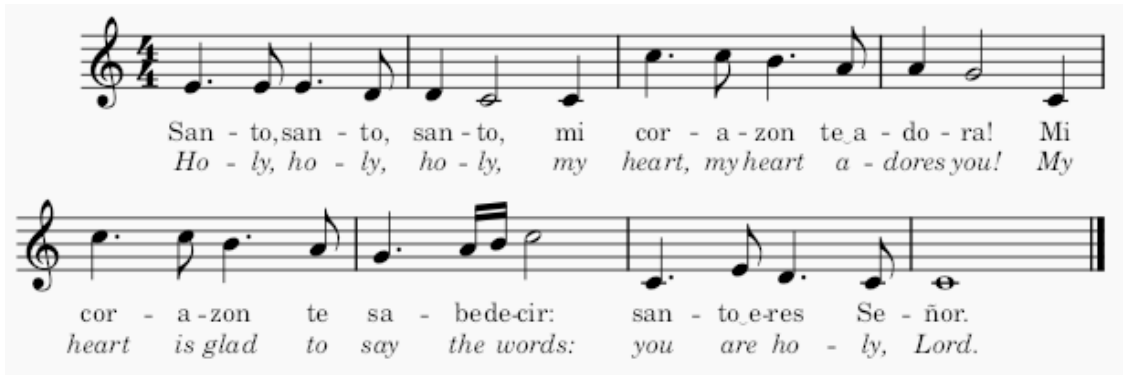
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all  
things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the  
womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:



*Presider:* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

***Presider and People***

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

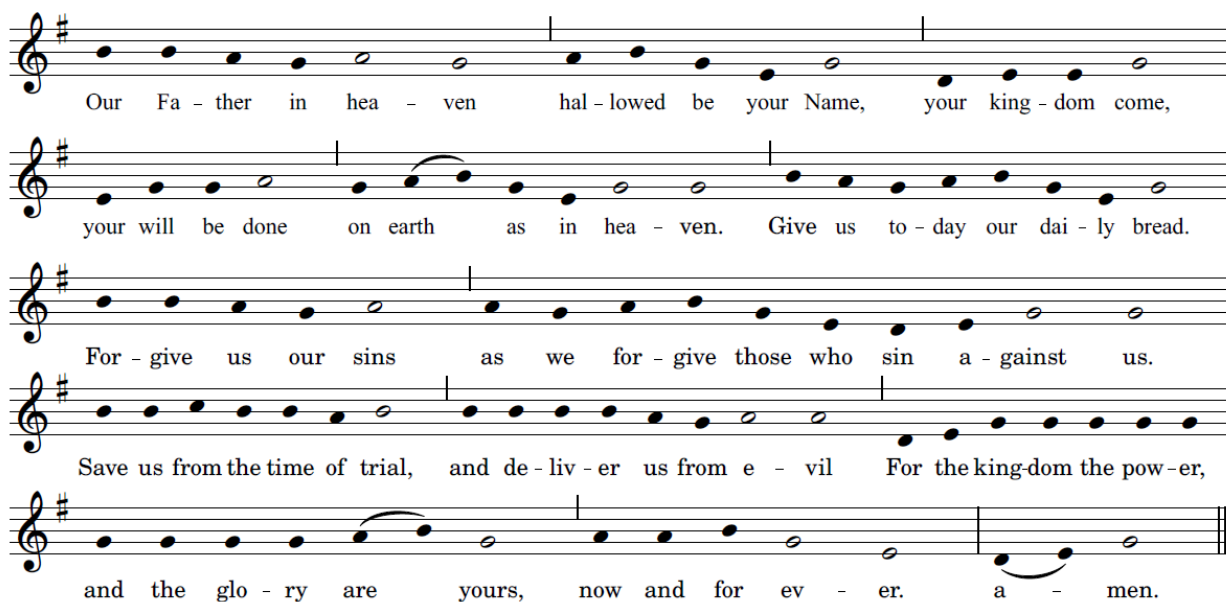
*Presider:* Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

***Presider and People***

**Blessed are you now and for ever. 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.....Eat This Bread



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

### Canted Verses:

1. I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.
2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.
3. Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.
4. Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.
5. If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

## Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

*The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Ministers*

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.

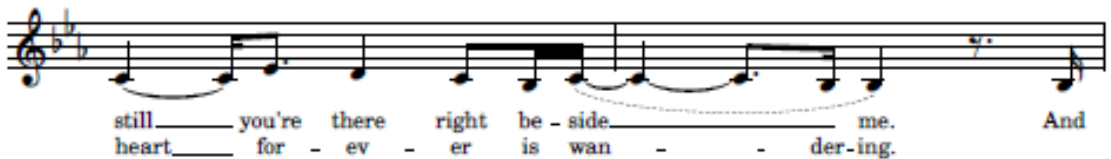
**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and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

# Blessing

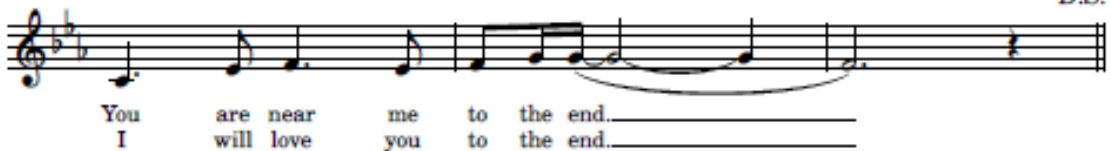
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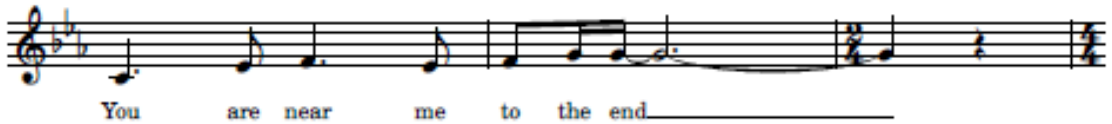
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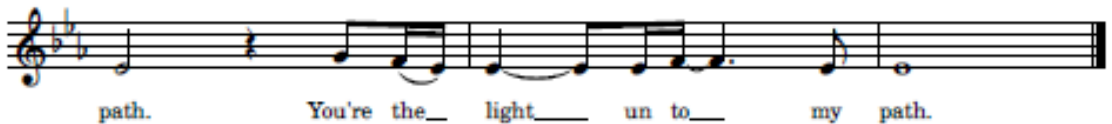
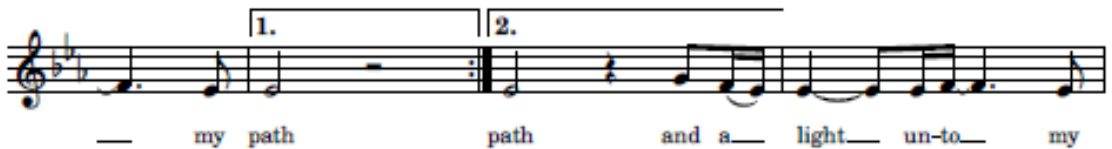
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### Verse 3



### Final Refrain



## Dismissal

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

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude.....Lord, I Lift Your Name on High.....Arr. Labenske

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Presider and Preacher: | The Reverend Vicki Smaby Wesen   |
| Deacon:                | The Reverend Dennis Taylor       |
| Musician:              | Ruth Ann Burley                  |
| Eucharistic Minister:  | Sharon Rader                     |
| Eucharistic Visitors:  | Shelly Powell & Acacia McDermott |
| Acolyte:               | Acacia McDermott                 |
| Greeters:              | Grace Kamano, Roland & Kassian   |
| Lector(s):             | Nicole Smith & Rod Chandler      |
| 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](mailto:redwoodam@proton.me).

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## 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 McCabe Family in memory of Jerry Cooley on her 115<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

Please sign up in the parish hall to contribute to this ongoing ministry.

### **Coffee Hour**

The Coffee Hour this morning is hosted by the Profile Committee. We will continue our conversation to flesh out more details for the building of the profile to be given to the soon-to-be-formed Search Committee. Again, your participation in the process is vital. Please plan on attending. As a bonus, our Carolyn's Guild is bringing lots of yummy treats to go with the coffee for the meeting. Their willingness to serve is much appreciated.

### **Parish Office Closures**

The office will be closed October 29-30, and November 5-7 and 10-11. David will be on vacation out of state, then out of country. Last minute changes to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> bulletins will probably not happen. Prayers for traveling mercies are appreciated.

### **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 in the bin in the narthex. Check the website for more location information. <https://mountvernonwa.gov/1124/Veterans-Day-Food-Drive>

### **Paper Mache Pumpkins**

The Mount Vernon Library Commons is having a fun fall-themed craft night on Friday, October 24th at 5:30pm. We will make Paper Mache Pumpkins! These pumpkins will make the perfect center piece for any fall celebrations. Ages 10 and up. Visit the library website to register for this event. <https://mountvernonwa.gov/175/Library>

### **Co-op Community Giving Day**

The Co-op 5% Friday Community Giving Day supports Family Promise of Skagit Valley. Shop the Food Co-op Friday October 24 and 5% of the sales will be used to provide families with meals during their stay at the Family Promise cold-weather shelter.

### **Mayor's Coffee Hour**

You are invited to join us for Mayor's Coffee Hour on Tuesday, October 21, from 10:00 - 11:00am at First Lutheran Church (2015 East Blackburn Road). Join us to ask Mayor Donovan questions, hear what's happening at the city, discuss concerns and relay ideas!

## Welcome to Saint Paul's!

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. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. We use real wine in the cup. Intinction, which is 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.

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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