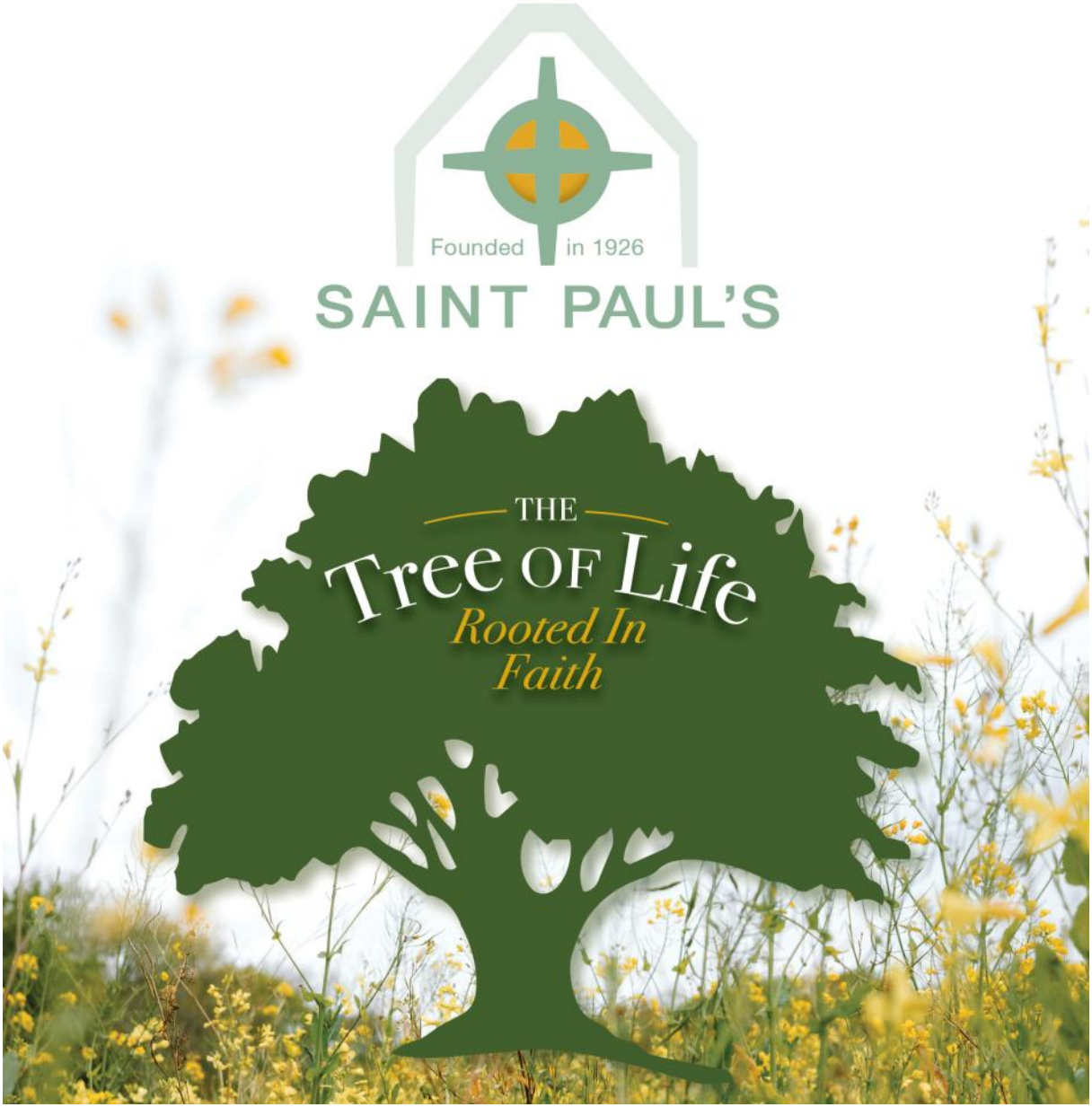


The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026, 9:00 am

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Josh, Jason, Kate, Stan, Dave, Sophie, Dar, Nancy, Steve, Bob, Payson, Sophia, Kim, Anne, Chuck, Eric, Katherine, Larry, Bryan, Greg and family, Natalie, Bill, Jennifer, Evan, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Helen, Sherrie, and Candace.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

And for those having Birthdays (please see the weekly email).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Church of Canada.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Christ Church, Xenia; and Beloved Community Commission.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

We welcome Alan Kimbrough who is serving as our guest organist today!

SERVING TODAY - 10/25/26 - 9:00AM	
Altar Guild	Mary Ellen Foster Paul T.
Reader	Paul T. Chuck Berry
Ushers	Linda Miller Jeff Baldrige
Crucifer/ Chalice	Randy Young
Book	Bob Neben

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 11/1/26 - 9:00AM	
Altar Guild	Diane Labire Ada Hawrylak
Reader	Charlie Campbell Mary Ellen Foster
Ushers	Paul Sampson Micky Neben Sara Hawrylak
Crucifer/ Chalice	Teena Baldrige
Book	Kathleen Walters

All Hymns are in the Blue 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

PRELUDE:

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #688, A Mighty Fortress is Our God **(vs. 1 & 4)** *Ein feste Burg*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA, HYMNAL #S277

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12
A Reading from Deuteronomy

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city

of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.
Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.
Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 46 *(spoken responsively)*

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;**

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.**

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8
A Reading from 1 Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #581 **(vs. 1-3)**, Where charity and love prevail *Cheshire*

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY THE REV. JEAN VARGO

All stand as they are 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - From the book *"Hear Our Prayer"*

After each petition the people respond with "***Hear Our Prayer***".

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

May God's grace be upon this shawl warming, comforting, and enfolding. May this mantle be a safe haven, and sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in God's love. **Amen.**

All stand or kneel as able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *Nancy Downey*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Today's loose plate offering will benefit the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which is used for assistance to the poor or other charitable needs consistent with the Church's mission.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: If Ye Love Me *Thomas Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

All stand if able.

HYMN #43, vs. 4 *The Eighth Tune*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL #S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel if able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP, P.#364

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, BCP, P. #364

FRACTION ANTHEM, #S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: #505, O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God **(vs. 1-3)** *O Heiliger Geist*

All stand or kneel as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 OF THE PEOPLE

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #680 **(vs. 1-3),** O God, our help in ages past *St. Anne*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Biblical Reflection on Stewardship

Tree of Life – John speaks to us several times regarding the Tree of Life. In Revelation 2:7 he writes: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Two notables. First, John tells the churches to 'hear' what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Tough to do in the midst of life full of cacophony, overloads, go do's, life requirements. But, if the church can rise above the noise, it can eat of the tree, maybe better, be sustained with the fruit given from God Himself. Question. How can the church 'hear' the Spirit?

Join us for Bible Listening

Sundays at 10:20 a.m. in the Parish Library / Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
*(*https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84552326439?pwd=05TCyW32UkAdnVdVr1B5LREnmguTr3.1*)*
Bible Listening asks what is God saying to us and what does God want us to change in our lives today.

Next Sunday, November 1, remember to set your clocks back one hour, and MAKE A CHANGE! Bring your loose change to church that Sunday and make a difference in the lives of those who seek assistance at the House of Bread.

All Saints' Sunday, November 1 - If you have a loved one who died this past year and you'd like them remembered during the service on All Saints' Sunday, please email their name to Lois in the parish office at Lois@stpauls-dayton.org, or call the office.
All names need to be submitted by tomorrow, October 26.

Honoring and Remembering our Veterans - On Sunday, November 8 we will celebrate our Veterans. If you are a veteran, please give your name and branch of service to Lois in our parish office by emailing her at Lois@stpauls-dayton.org or call the church office.
All names need to be submitted by Monday, November 2.

Sunday, November 15 there will be a joint service at 10:00am at St. Paul's to celebrate Rev. Jean's 45th Ordination Anniversary, and staff appreciation for St. Mark's and St. Paul's.



Join us as we celebrate with great joy

The 45th Ordination Anniversary

of Rev Jean A Vargo

And Staff Appreciation

SUNDAY, November 15, 2026. 10am worship
St Paul's Episcopal (Joint Worship)
33 W Dixon Ave, Dayton OH

St Mark's and St Paul's will honor our staff: Lois Smith, Sue Starner, Cara Whitby, Kathrine Wagner, Karen Bocko

Reception to follow

A few weeks ago the choir sang, "There in God's garden stands the tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations." This year's stewardship theme is the Tree of Life. We ask not just for healing, but for knowledge, compassion and beauty, bound together in hope. We have new faces in the choir, new section leaders and volunteers. Join us in the choir anytime, we'd be glad to welcome you.

Special music will continue to enhance our liturgies in the weeks to come:

All Saints' Day, 11/1, a guest oboist, Lauren Geerlings, a stirring vocal solo rendition of "Wade in the Water," sung by our baritone section leader, Chris Trimble.

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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Class of 2027 - Cheryl Strine, *liaison to Parish Life*
Class of 2028 - Jill Davis, *liaison to Communications and Properties*
Class of 2029 - Cathy Fain, *liaison to Outreach,* Diane Labrie, *liaison to Worship*
Senior Warden *(term expires 2027)*- Chris Brandt
Junior Warden *(term expires 2027)* - Steve Ireland
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