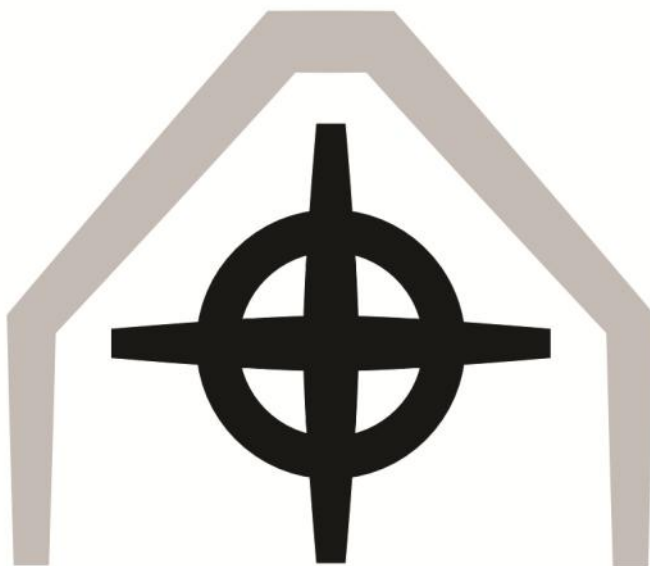




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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER

JULY 12, 2026, 9:30 AM

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

We ask your prayers for: Chuck, Eric, Katherine, Larry, Tim, 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—Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Paul's, Chillicothe; and Indian Hill Church

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

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

SERVING TODAY - 7/12/26 - 9:30AM

MORNING PRAYER

Altar Guild	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley
Reader	Dana Cunningham Jill Davis
Ushers	Jim Filson Mary Beth Coker

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 7/19/26 - 9:30 AM

Altar Guild	Mary Ellen Foster Dana Cunningham Ada Hawrylak
Reader	Diana Uhlman Chuck Berry
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben
Crucifer/ Chalice	Bob Neben
Book	Teena Baldrige

PRELUDE: Chorale Improvisations on “Hyfrydol” and “Slane”

Paul Manz

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #632, O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

OPENING SENTENCE, BCP, PG.78

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Officiant and People kneeling together

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.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Standing

INVITATORY

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

VENITE HYMNAL #S35 (*Sung by all*)

Please be seated

PSALM 119:105-112 (*Spoken responsively*)

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 25:19-34

A Reading from Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided;

the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

(Standing)

CANTICLE 17, THE SONG OF SIMEON *(Said by all, BCP pg. 93)*

Please be seated

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:1-11

A Reading from Romans

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If

the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Standing

CANTICLE 21, YOU ARE GOD (*Said by all, BCP pg. 95*)

THIRD READING: MATTHEW 13:1-9,18-23

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

MICHAEL MILLER

SILENT REFLECTION

Standing

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our
life and labor to the Lord.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY: HYMN: #593, Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

Standing

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. Amen.

Standing or kneeling

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP p. 97

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

COLLECTS

Collect of the Day. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis: (said by all)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we re-

ceive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Congregation is invited to add their Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud.

Standing

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all the ages. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

CLOSING PRAYER

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #530, Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word *Gott sei Dank*

POSTLUDE: Rigaudon *Andre Campbra*

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Bible Listening - *Sundays at 10:50am - Parish Library / Tuesdays at 6pm via Zoom*
(<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84552326439?pwd=05TCyW32UkAdnVdVr1B5LREnmguTr3.1>)

Bible Listening focuses on listening to the voice of God. It is a time to share, and to move from hearing the word of God to acting on it. The scripture from the Sunday lectionary will be utilized. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Jeff Baldrige or Rev. Jean.

Volunteers Needed for St. Paul's Properties Committee

St. Paul's staff member Sue Starner has reduced her hours and will no longer be responsible for issues related to church properties, including monitoring routine oversight, working with contractors, budgeting, and assessing future needs. We need a Properties Committee, a group of volunteers who will work together to maintain the church, grounds, and rental units; work with contractors (HVAC, landscaping, roofing, etc.); and assess future needs, both short and long-term.

If you have experience in facility maintenance; if you're comfortable navigating a budget; if you're handy with tools; if you like watching "This Old House" on PBS; or if you're just curious about how things work in our beautiful old building, and you want to get involved, please consider yourself "qualified."

If you are interested in this work or have any questions, please reach out to me by the end of July (rsam.davis@sbcglobal.net or 937-287-9091). In early August I will establish a kick-off meeting to get us moving forward.

Gratefully, Sam Davis, Properties Chair

Movie Night - Tuesday July 28th "Meet The Parents" (2000) stars Robert DeNiro, Ben Stiller, Blythe Danner and Owen Wilson with music by Randy Newman. In-laws will be In-laws. Sometimes a grateful blessing, sometimes, not so much. Come meet the cast of quirky, lovable characters who are about to find out.
Dinner at 6:00. Movie at 6:30 and popcorn throughout.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICES/EVENTS FOR ST. MARK'S AND ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 2 - Outreach Project and Worship Service **at St. Mark's** - 10:00 a.m.
Join us for the Blessing of the Scissors! PLEASE NOTE: There will be no service at St. Paul's on August 2nd.

Sunday, October 4 - Outdoor Worship Service & Pet Blessing - 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined.

Summertime! It's summertime - but please don't let your pledge go on vacation! While we may be enjoying the warm weather and taking trips, the ministries, outreach, and everyday expenses of the church continue to roll in. Please keep your pledge giving up to date... or even send your giving in advance! Thank you!

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."—*Kathy Calvin*

Who Needs Scissors? The kindergarten through fourth-grade students at Seville Elementary School on Burkhardt Road do. In partnership with St. Mark's, we are supplying 400 pairs of scissors to the school. Our share of the cost is \$183. To help us meet this goal by July 26, please place your contributions in the offering plate on Sundays. You may use the envelopes found in the pew racks or one from home; please ensure the envelope is marked "Scissors for Seville School." For checks, please include "Scissors for School" on the memo line.

Money collected beyond what's needed for the scissors will be sent to Seville School for additional school supplies.

Thank you for your generosity. *Cathy Fain, Vestry Liaison for Outreach*

Summer Drop-in Choir Opportunities

While our adult choir is on recess for the summer, that does not mean the singing has to stop! On the following dates, congregation members are invited to sing as part of the "Drop-in Choir" during the offertory. Rehearsal will take place on each of those mornings, at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. Mark your calendar and plan to sing with us. No musical training or prior experience is necessary.

7/26/26: I've Got Peace Like a River

8/30/26: Morning Has Broken

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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

9:30 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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ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

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

Secretary of the Vestry - Kathleen Walters

Treasurer - Bob Neben

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