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PAUL'S
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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 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—The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Mary's, Hillsboro, and the Standing Committee.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

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

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 8/2/26 - 10:00AM

Altar Guild Diane Labrie
Paul T.

Reader Mike Miller
Paul T.

Ushers Margaret Sampson
Diane Labrie

**Crucifer/
Chalice** Randy Young

Book Jay Woodhull

Service at St. Mark's

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

PRELUDE: Prelude in C Major, from the Well-Tempered Clavier

J.S. Bach

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #376, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 #S280

**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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: GENESIS 29:15-28

A Reading from Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I

will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 128 (*spoken responsively*)

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!

**2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

**4 The man who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.**

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-39

A Reading from Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called

according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #615, “Thy Kingdom Come!”

St. Flavian

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33,44-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets

but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon 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.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Peace Like a River

Traditional

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

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 #S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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: #213 in LEVAS, Children of the Heavenly Father

Swedish Folk Melody

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 #460, Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (verses 1-3 only)

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Fugue in F Major

Pachelbel

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OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Bible Listening

Sundays at 10:50 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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

NEXT Sun., Aug. 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 next Sun., Aug. 2nd. Join us at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 456 Woodman Dr.

Sunday, October 4 - Outdoor Worship Service & Pet Blessing - 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's.

Movie Night - THIS 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 p.m. Movie at 6:30 p.m. and popcorn throughout.

Summer Drop-in Choir Opportunities

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

8/30/26: Morning Has Broken

Volunteers Needed for St. Paul's Properties Committee

St. Paul's staff member Sue Starnier 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

The Weeds Are Winning and We Need Your Help! The hot, dry weather has been a boon to our lovely summer flowers, but it also has encouraged their nemesis—weeds around the church and the rental property are prolific. If you are able to offer an hour or two to help clean up your favorite flower bed, please contact Sam Davis and he'll help you get started (rsam.davis@sbcglobal.net or 937-287-9091). Thank you!

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*

THANK YOU! In partnership with St. Mark's, we are able to supply 400 pairs of scissors to the students at Seville Elementary School on Burkhardt Road. Thank you to all the donors as we reached our goal and collected \$185!

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

Shaping Our Identity through Transition

This is a reminder that we are counting on YOU to gather the information needed to help St. Paul's define our mission within our community. Please reach out to people within Oakwood and the greater Dayton area, and ask these questions:

What do you know about St. Paul's?

What is the first word that comes to mind?

What do you think is the greatest need of our community?

What advice would you give to the leaders of the church. . .How could we better be part of or support the community?

The questionnaire is crucial to our current process. The information collected will help us to shape our goals, as well as write our parish profile when the time comes to begin the search for a new rector. Please share what you learn with the church office.

Thank you!

Rev. Jean Vargo

Ongoing Outreach Opportunities

Socks for Everyone! - Since there is a great need for socks for the entire population at St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Shelter, we would like to include adults in the collection as well as for the children. Add your donations to the box in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Cathy Fain. Thank you!

Food Bank Donations - Your Efforts Make a Difference! - Please fill yellow donation bags with food (no glass jars please) and personal care items and bring them to church to be blessed and delivered to the Food Bank. Questions? Please contact Diane Labrie. Thank you!

Egg Cartons for the Procter Center - The Procter Center Farm reuses clean dozen-egg cartons. Please place your donated cartons on the table next to the Parish Hall Library.

LIONS Recycle For Sight. . . And St. Paul's Helps! - Do you have old or extra eyeglasses you no longer use? Please bring them to St. Paul's and deposit them in the Lions Club box in the Narthex. Thank you!

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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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