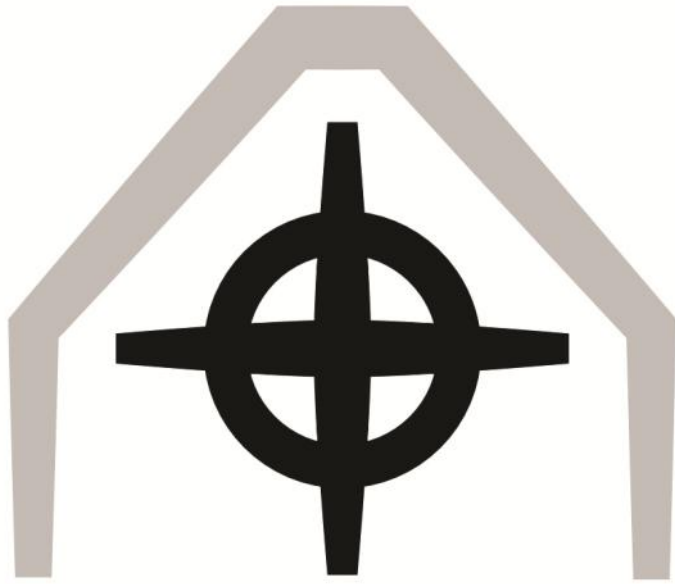




**SAINT
PAUL'S
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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026, 9:30 AM

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

We ask your prayers for: Sophia, Kim, Anne, 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 Episcopal Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Christ Church, Glendale; and Trustees of the Diocese

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 8/9/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Paul T. Dana Cunningham Ada Hawrylak
Reader	Paul T. Charlie Campbell
Ushers	Jim Filson Mary Beth Cocker
Crucifer/ Chalice	Bob Neben
Book	Teena Baldrige

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 8/16/26 - 9:30AM

MORNING PRAYER

Altar Guild	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley
Reader	Mary Ellen Foster Chuck Berry
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben

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

PRELUDE: Air (from Water Music Suite)

G.F. Handel

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #390, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 37:1-4, 12-28

A Reading from Genesis

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his

children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45B (*spoken responsively*)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

**17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

**19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.**

20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**

22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-15

A Reading from Romans

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is

generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #608, Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

The Rev. Betty Coleman The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Rev. Betty Coleman The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

THE REV. MELANIE SLANE

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***".

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: Healing River

Christopher Roy Grundy

Healing River, flow through me. Wash away this pain and show me what can be.
Lay my body down, beneath this tree, and let me rest here in the shade so quietly.
The whispering water will clear my head, with falling leaves of many colors for my bed!

Healing River, flow through me. Wash away this pain and show me what can be.
Light like crystal will fill my eyes to help me see, and soon these salty tears will dry.
I will bend down to cool my skin, and find at last that I am whole and clean again.

Healing River, flow through me. Wash away this pain and show me what can be.
Put that sweet fruit here in my hand, then give me time and I will find the strength to stand.
And when that strength returns, with thanks I'll pray, then gather up these leaves and we'll be on our way.

Healing River, flow through me. Wash away this pain and show me what can be.
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod?
Lay me down there by the river, flowing from the throne of God.

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: #435, At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

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 #62 in LEVAS, In Christ there is No East or West

McKee

THE DISMISSAL

The Rev. Betty Coleman Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

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 SERVICE/EVENT FOR ST. MARK'S AND ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 4 - Outdoor Worship Service & Pet Blessing - 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's on the greenspace. Please bring a lawn chair and your pets to be blessed!

Choir News and Summer Drop-in Choir Opportunity

The drop-in choir has been a great success so far this summer. On Sunday, July 26th we had the largest attendance to date, with 9 people filling the choir stalls to sing "Peace Like a River" during the offertory. It was wonderful to hear everyone's voices, both in the choir stalls and out in the congregation. Thank you to all who participated. If you missed this one, there is still one remaining before the choir season starts back up in the fall. It will be on August 30th and we will sing "Morning Has Broken." Please consider joining us that morning.

Here is a sneak preview of some of the upcoming special music offerings for the remainder of the summer:

August 9th: "Healing River" by Christopher Roy Grundy....vocal solo

August 16th: "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert....vocal solo

August 23rd: Title to be announced, accordion solo played by Charlie Campbell

August 30th: "Morning Has Broken," sung by the drop-in choir

September 6th: "Mit Staunen sieht das Wunderwerk" from Haydn's "Creation"...

soprano solo sung by Cynthia Schindler

Welcome our preacher for today - The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

Rev. Melanie serves as our diocesan transition minister, supporting and guiding our congregations, clergy, and lay leaders through periods of transition in leadership and ministry. As part of the Congregations Team, the transition minister provides essential resources, consultation, and process-facilitation to ensure smooth and effective calls to ministry in the diocese, whether in the search for new clergy, the discernment of vocational calls, or in the reimagining of church leadership roles.

Melanie is a lifelong Episcopalian, growing up at Grace Episcopal Church in St. Louis, MO. Her nomadic spirit and love of Jesus led her to serve as a missionary in the Philippines as part of The Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps.

Since her ordination to the priesthood in 2013, Melanie has served three congregations: Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C., Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves, Missouri, and the Church of the Redeemer in Hyde Park, Cincinnati. From 2020-2025, Melanie also served the Diocese of Southern Ohio as the ecumenical and interfaith relations officer, connecting our churches to a number of state-wide and church-wide networks and organizations.

She holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Missouri and an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. Melanie is married to the Rev. Christopher Slane, an Episcopal priest, Ph.D. student, and professional soccer referee. Chris currently serves as priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, Evanston. They live in Cincinnati with their two young sons, and they love to travel, play sports, and make music together as a family.

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

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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