



The Episcopal Parish of St. Paul
Duluth, Minnesota

Pride Sunday
Holy Eucharist
September 6, 2026
10:00 am

*After this service, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.
All ages welcome.*

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

I'm New

Welcome! If you would like to stay in touch, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate after the announcements.

About Our Worship Today

Worship in the Episcopal Church is participatory and embodied. We stand and kneel, make the sign of the cross at times, sing and breathe together, and walk forward for communion each week. You are welcome to participate at your own comfort level. You will likely see people engaging differently at different times. One of the gifts of the Episcopal tradition is that there are a variety of 'right' ways to participate.

Restrooms

Exit at the side door at the front of the church and go down the hall. They are the first and second doors on the left side of the hallway.

What do I do?

This service booklet will give you the words you need and instructions. The words in **bold** print are said by everyone. Hymns can be found either in this booklet or in the blue or green hymnals in your pew.

May I have communion?

Yes. All may come forward to receive communion (or the Eucharist.) No one is required to receive. We serve both bread and wine. You may choose to receive at your own comfort level, both bread and wine or just bread. You may also come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing, or you may choose not to come forward at all. Children may receive at any age.

Worshipping with Kids

Joyful noise is most welcome here. Many families find that sitting close to the front helps children to see and engage better with the service. There is an unstaffed nursery located down the hall. We also have a rocking chair in the back of church for parents with infants.

About St. Paul's

We are a community dedicated to following the Way of Love as shown to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Together, we practice curiosity, awe, and community to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.

Welcome Affirming Congregations

In honor of Pride, today we are joined by Pilgrim Congregational, Peace UCC, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth and others who represent LGBTQIA+ affirming congregations.

The Liturgical Season

In the Episcopal Church, we follow a circular calendar with special seasons. We are currently in the season following Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time. This season is observed with green to symbolize the growing, abundant earth. Half of the Christian year is this season after Pentecost, which is a season where we translate the Good News for new times and places.

Weekly Service Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am

Rite I

10:00 am

Rite II

Wednesdays

5:15 pm

Starting September 9

Stay in Touch

You can find email addresses for our parish leaders on the back of this bulletin. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like more information.

Processional Hymn: *Sing a New World into Being*

1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
 2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der, class and race
 3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home;

Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream.
 brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
 where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
 where the lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the ties that bind.
 where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and ven - geance cease.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and Living God.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

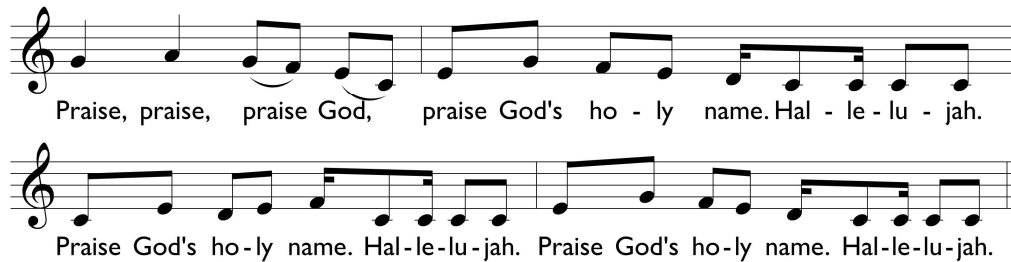
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. (*Silence...*) Eternal One, Source of all life, and Giver of all that is good, you put on the fullness of our humanity for the sake of healing your beloved but broken creation; open our minds, liberate our hearts, and strengthen our souls that we might not live in fear, but walk in your way of perfect, healing, self-giving love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, Merciful God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

This collect is from the Washington National Cathedral's Pride Eucharist on June 1, 2025.

Hymn of Praise



Children's Moment

"Becoming Who We Are"

Katharine Alworth

Director of Religious Exploration, Unitarian Universalist Church of Duluth

Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

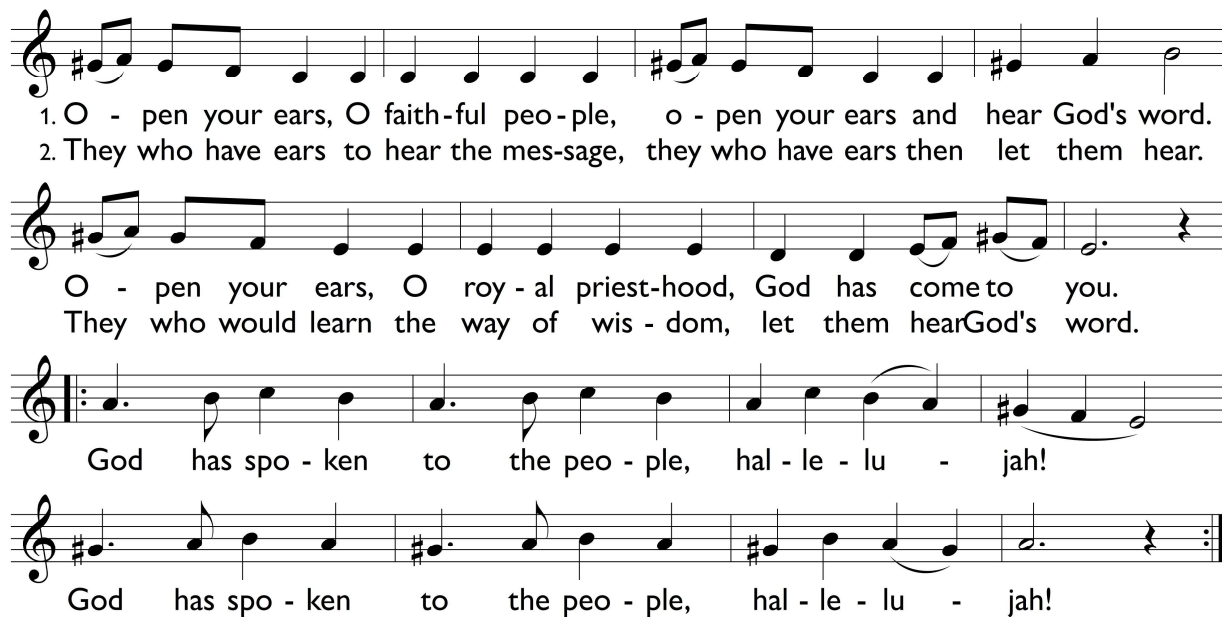
"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand and face the procession as it moves to the center of the church for the reading of the Gospel.



1. O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2. They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears then let them hear.

O - pen your ears, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
They who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow

The Prayers of the People

*Composed by the Rev. Corinne Freedman-Ellis
Senior Pastor, Peace UCC*

The prayer leader will offer a series of petitions, to which the congregation responds:

Spirit of God, surround us with love.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Announcements

Those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary will be invited forward after the announcements.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

**Dear Father, we thank thee that all the year through
Thy goodness has blest them with gifts ever new.
And, oh, wilt thou grant them a happy new year,
Dear Father, we pray thee, be thou ever near. Amen.**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering

Concerto for Violin and Cello, Op. 102: II. Andante

Johannes Brahms

Offertory

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*Canadian Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2
Co-Presiders: The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow (St. Paul's)
The Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon (Pilgrim Congregational)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailing you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,

and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed...

Therefore, we proclaim our hope:

**Dying you destroyed our death;
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts ...

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction Anthem

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion

*Because we believe that we gather around Christ's table,
all are welcome and encouraged to receive communion.
The chalices have wine, and grape juice is available in individual cups at the third station.
Individually wrapped gluten-free hosts are available; please request this if needed.*

Communion Anthem

Live in Hope

Karen Marroli

*When shadows fall, a flame will shine for us, interceding amidst our pleading hearts.
And if that light be for us, let that light restore us, for the depth of the night is where the dawning starts.
Live in hope! Let your spirits sing! Live in hope! Let your praises ring,
for the powers of earth cannot conquer love. Fear not! Live in hope!
When tempests rise, a hand will calm the storm, breathing silence where noise and violence roar.
And now with God beside us nothing can divide us from that wondrous grace that reigns forevermore!
Though worries stalk in shadows forlorn, encircling us in sorrows, they have no power.
God still paints the morn or bold and brave tomorrows, our bold and brave tomorrows!*

Sending *(Used when Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent to bring communion to those unable to be with us.)*

[Name], in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [Name], to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

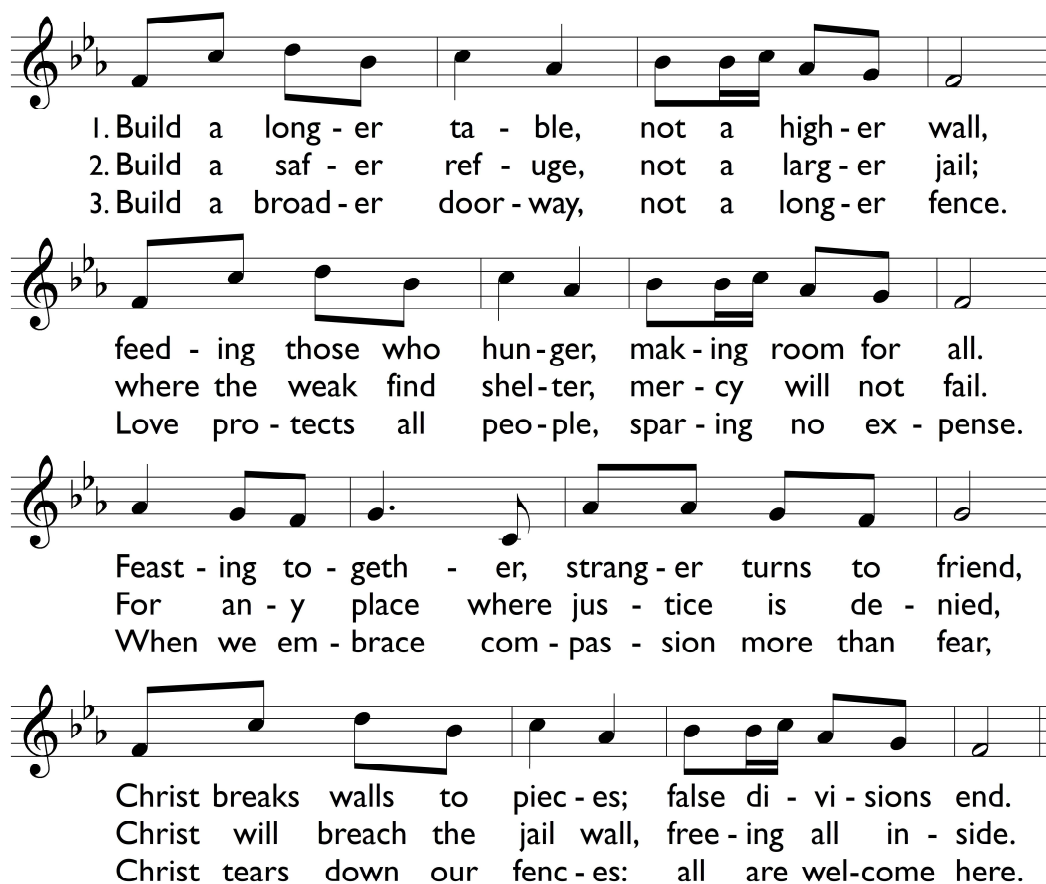
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn – *Build a Longer Table*



1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.

feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.

Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Rubrics: V. "The people respond – Amen!"

Dan Locklair

Prayers at St. Paul's

PRAY for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

For the month of September, please pray for the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota, Episcopal Group Homes, Guardian Angels and all other institutions that provide ministry for and with the elderly. Please pray for your local senior residential facilities and care centers. And pray also for all farmers and laborers working with the harvest, especially San Jose Obrero Mission in Montgomery and Good Courage Farm.

For those who suffer and those in any trouble:

Rick L	Ann Marie	Becca T	Ketih B	Amber S
Virginia M	Charles B	Paul	Kevin M	Gerri W
Pat K	Bjorn G	Ann-Sofie	Dad D	Ray A
Callum	David B	Lucy J	Wendy R	Bonnie E
Jon G	Tom P	Kirsti J	John S	LeeAnn R
Stuart B	Gary B	Sue M	Tere Y	Rob H
John D	Sally R	Annie H	Doug E	Lin B
John B	Susan F	Jack & Family	Lynn K	Kal C
JoEllen S	Eddy M	Jennie & Family	Kate B	Tamara J
Tom M	Natalie S	Jasmine & Family	April C	

For those serving in the armed forces:

Lucy Fellman, Charles Lewis, Ricky Lyle and Nora Maddy

For those who are in seminary or in discernment.

And for those who are in long-term care facilities or are homebound:

Mary Carlson, Helen Gruba, Steve Hennessy, Maureen Matheson, Stephen & Mary Olmsted

For those who have died.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of:

Dolly Parton



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Become an Acolyte

St. Paul's is looking for tweens and teens (ages 11-18) interested in becoming church acolytes. Being an acolyte is a great way to serve your church and an opportunity to make new friends! Please consider this, discuss it with your parents, and contact Holly Hansen by September 15 to sign up or ask questions. Phone: 218-310-1674; email: hlhansen13@gmail.com



REMINDER - St. Paul's has excellent scholarship opportunities for teens who are involved in the life of the parish! The easiest way to get involved is to serve as an acolyte.

Rally Day

Sunday, September 13

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 13. There will be a picnic and play space for the kids. Mark your calendars!

Wednesday Night Meal Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to cook meals for Wednesday night formation gatherings at St. Paul's. If you have participated in years past, keep your eyes peeled for emails from Sophie. We could always use more help, and if you are interested in getting involved, find Sophie after the 10 am service or email kids@stpaulsduluth.org

White Earth 2.0

Thursday, October 15 – Saturday, October 17

Parishioners from St. Paul's are invited on another visit to White Earth over MEA weekend. We will be visiting our sister church, St. Columba's, meeting community members, visiting Tribal Headquarters and the Treaty Museum, and having some fun in between. This is an all-ages trip. Please email Sophie (kids@stpaulsduluth.org) for more details!

Kids' Coffee Hours

Let the fun begin! The next kids' coffee hours will be September 20 and October 25. We will host in the Children's Room downstairs until noon. All ages are welcome!

Thanks for the Socks!

A hearty thank-you for the generous donations! Melanie Spencer delivered **250 pairs of socks** from St. Paul's parishioners to our neighbors at Chum. And a special thanks to Melanie for initiating and executing a successful Sock Drive!

New Member Cohort

Sundays, September 20 – October 11

11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Olcott Room

Are you interested in officially joining St. Paul's? New members of the St. Paul's community are invited to join a cohort. We will reflect together on questions like: what drew you here? Why Jesus? And, what does it mean to you to be part of a church? Lunch will be shared among participants. Childcare arranged upon request. We will pick a date for a new member liturgy, based on availability, in late October or early November. To sign up please email Maggie at rector@stpaulsduluth.org.

Reversal:

September Sermon Series

During the month of September, St. Paul's will be doing a sermon series on God's way of reversing the order of things.

Sept 13: In God, what looks weak is actually strong.

Sept 20: In God, working hard is not the only solution.

Sept 27: In God, humility is authority.

Join us each week to learn more about how God's ways reverse our own ways, and why that is good news for our busy, overwhelmed, and distracted hearts.

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Electronic Giving

You may donate checks or cash in the alms basins during the Offertory. If you prefer to donate to St. Paul's electronically, you may use this QR code to easily access our website donation page. **Thank you for your generosity.**



Serving This Sunday

Presider
Co-Presider
Deacon
Verger
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Prayer Leader
Chalice Ministers
Acolytes
Music

Livestream
Ushers
Coffee Host
Lock Up

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Ian Buck, djembé
Lian Ojakangas, violin; Byron Klimek, cello
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