

The Episcopal Parish of St. Paul
Duluth, Minnesota

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

November 8, 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.

Worshiping 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 a staffed 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.

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
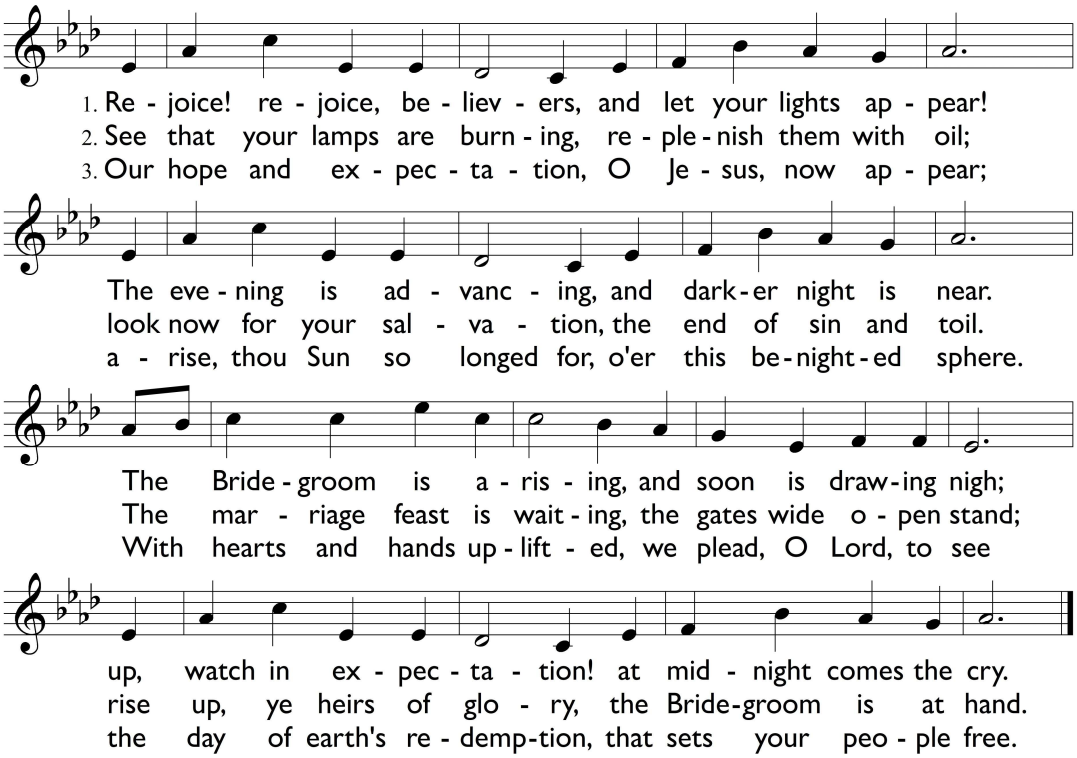
Wednesdays
5:15 pm

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

Prelude *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, BWV 654* J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn – *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!*



Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and Living God.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
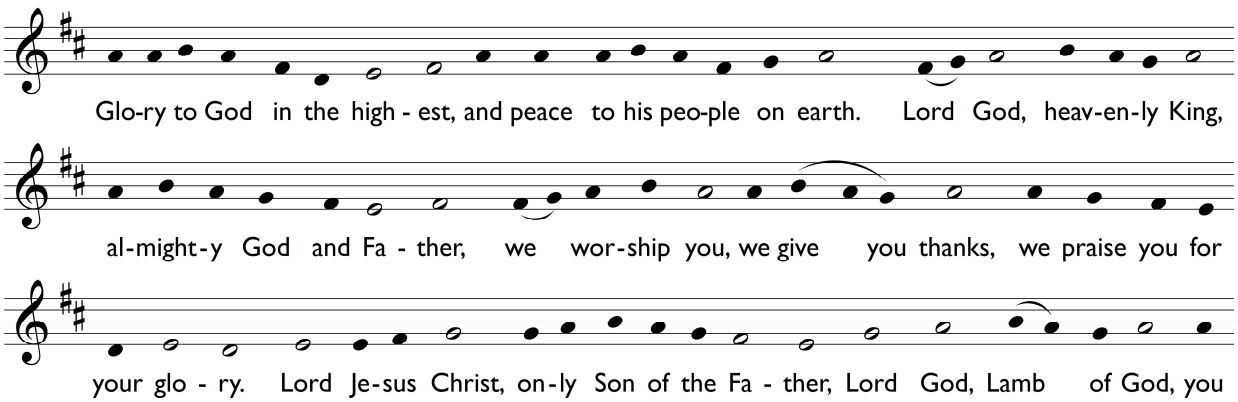
Opening Collect

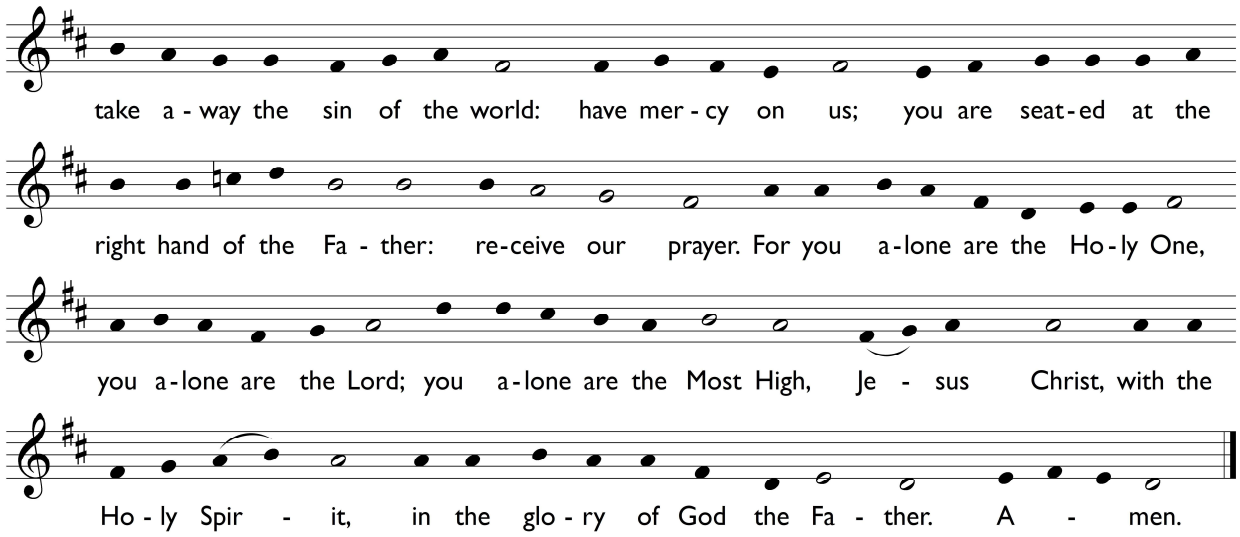
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Invitation and Blessing

Children (preK-6th gr) are invited to come forward for a blessing, then go to Godly Play and return at The Peace.

Gloria





The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading — Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.
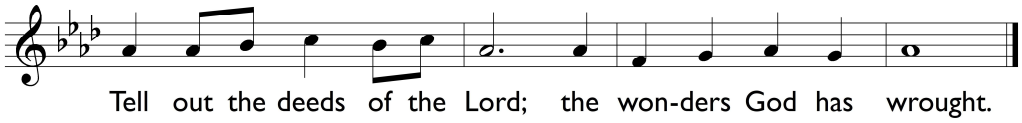
"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we

will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7



Give ear, O people, to my teaching:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
Things that we have heard and known,
That our forebears have told us. ***Refrain***
We will not hide them from their children,
But tell them to the coming generation
The glorious deeds of the Lord,
The might and wonders God has wrought. ***Refrain***
God established a decree in Jacob,
And appointed a lawyer in Israel,
Which was commanded of our ancestors
To teach to their children;
That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,
And rise up and tell them to their children,
So that they should set their hope in God
And not forget the words of God but keep God's commandments. ***Refrain***

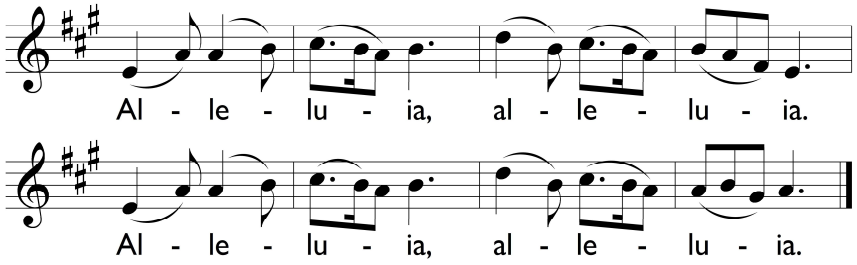
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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. All sing the Alleluia. The verse is sung by the choir, and the Alleluia is repeated.



Verse: Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
(Matthew 24:42,44)

Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon — The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
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.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us join together in prayer to our God of all creation and source of every blessing.

After each prayer, the leader says God of grace and glory,
The People respond, **Hear our prayer.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

Please kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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.

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

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 — *Song of Gladness* — Arnold Sherman

All are welcome to support St. Paul's as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Your gift in this offering sustains and enriches our prayer, learning, and community services. For those who do not carry cash or check, you can use this QR code to donate online.

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.

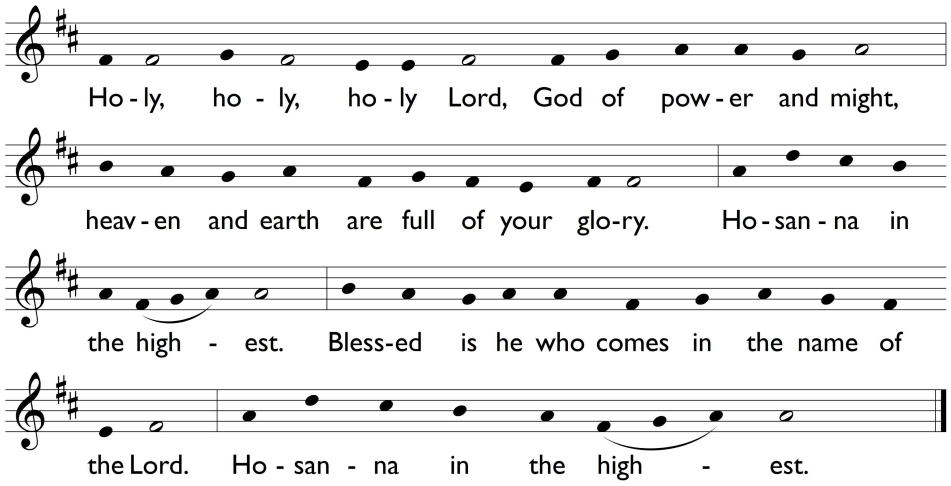
Blessing of the Pledge Cards

The Great Thanksgiving — *Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p. 361*

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth….

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all …

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

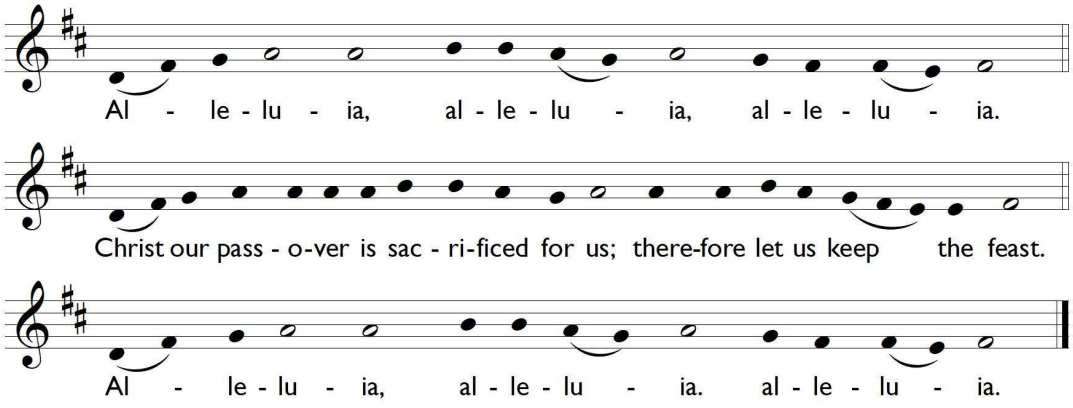
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. …

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 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



Invitation to Communion

Because we believe that we gather around the Lord's table,
all are welcome and encouraged to receive communion.
Gluten-free hosts are available; please request this if needed.

Communion Hymn #339 – *Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness*

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.

Post-Communion Prayer *Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

Let us pray.
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

Recessional Hymn #527 – *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow (Singing Songs of Expectation)*

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude *Litanies* Jehan Alain

The Christian soul, in its distress, repeats ceaselessly
and with a vehement faith the same invocation.
Reason has reached its limit. Faith alone goes further.

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Prayers at St. Paul's

PRAY for The Anglican Church of Congo.

For the month of November, please pray for the Minnesota Commission on Indian Work (MCIW), and for the Hispanic, Hmong, Liberian, Karen and numerous multi-cultural ministries and faith communities throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

For those who suffer and those in any trouble:

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

For those serving in the armed forces:
Lucy Fellman, Curran Floerke, 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 Olmsted

For those who have died.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for:
Grace Butcher
And in memory of:
Eugene & Maren Moore

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know?

St. Paul's micro-grants often go directly to organizations where our parishioners already volunteer or work, such as Life House, Safe Haven, and Make-A-Wish Minnesota. Our Outreach Committee awards these grants in the $500 to $1,000 range primarily from our general budget to amplify our members' hands-on work. Your annual giving sustains this beautiful cycle of financial support and personal dedication, proving that we truly build community by coming together.
– *Annual Giving Committee*

Study Groups to Join

Practicing the Way – Thursdays, 10 am
Olcott Room, Oct. 1 – Dec. 3
This program focuses on training us to live as an apprentice of Jesus. To join contact Deacon Pat at deacon@stpaulsduluth.org.

Scripture as Spiritual Practice –
Tuesdays, 5 pm, Olcott Room
November 3, 10, December 1, 8
Rediscover how to engage Scripture as an apprentice to Jesus. Contact Deacon Pat at deacon@stpaulsduluth.org.

Revelation Bible Study – Fridays, 10 am
Olcott Room. October-December
Together we will wrestle with the book of Revelation—come join us to experience the final book of the Bible with all its unexpected symbols (dragons and beasts!), challenging visions (plagues and battles…), and timeless hope and promise. Lead by Revs. Marta Maddy and Barb Elliott.

Wednesday Adult Forums
1st & 3rd Wednesdays – Parish Hall
A discussion group on building discipleship, using the same topics and bible passages explored by the youth groups.

The Philadelphia Eleven Film

Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 pm
Zinema, 222 E. Superior St., Duluth
Join your St. Paul's friends for a screening of the 2023 documentary film "The Philadelphia Eleven" at Zinema. The Philadelphia Eleven are the first women ordained priests in the Episcopal Church on July 29, 1974, two years before General Convention authorized the ordination of women to the priesthood. In honor of this group of eleven brave women, we scheduled this film screening for Wednesday, November 11! Meet at Zinema at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold only through St. Paul's Parish Office. Choose a price: $11.11 to honor the group of eleven women; OR $52.00 to honor the 52 years since their ordination!
Make check payable to St. Paul's, or use the website to pay electronically (choose Event Registration for the fund). Either way, please contact Rita in the Parish Office (218-724-3535) to reserve a spot!

Shop at St. Paul's!

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
The St. Paul's Outreach Grants Committee is organizing the first ever St. Paul's Arts, Crafts & Bake Sale for Saturday, November 21, from 10 am to 3 pm, to raise added funds for the holiday season. Please contact Natalie Constance natccon@gmail.com or Mike Maddy maddad55@gmail.com for further details. If you don't have enough to be a vendor but would like to contribute something, you can donate an item to a table with other donated things whose proceeds will benefit the church.

In Loving Memory of Mary Olmsted

Saturday, November 21, 2:00 pm
We celebrate the life of Mary Olmsted with a funeral on Saturday afternoon. Visitation in the Church at 1:00 pm, funeral at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Olcott Room. The Olmsted family invites everyone to attend. Memorials to St. Paul's Episcopal Church preferred.

Advent Wreath Make & Take

Sunday, November 29, 11:00 am

Advent Wreath assembly in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service. Dress with sap and glue in mind! Please bring the Advent wreath frame from last year if you can. Other supplies are provided.

Christmas Movie Party

Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm

We're hosting a movie night in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 18, from 6-9 pm. All ages are welcome! We'll have crafts, pizza, popcorn, cocoa, and cookies. After we settle in, we'll watch the 1992 classic "A Muppet Christmas Carol."

Assembly Open to All

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 pm_

Chum is hosting its Fall Assembly at Vineyard Church (1533 W Arrowhead Rd.). From 6-6:30 pm you will have the opportunity to socialize and hear directly from Chum Program Staff, before the official meeting which will go from 6:30-7:30 pm. You do not need to be a Chum delegate to attend!

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Sunday, November 22, 5:00 pm

The Duluth Scottish Heritage Association carries on its traditional Kirkin' o' the Tartans Evensong Service and Tea here at St. Paul's!

Evensong, led by the Rev. Maggie Nancarrow, begins with the Highland Dance students executing a reel in the in the aisles of the church. The service has elements that have been used since the time of John Knox. During the service there will be an opportunity to present your clan tartan for blessing, a tradition carried from Scotland to the New World.

At the conclusion of the church service, you will be piped downstairs to the Parish Hall to enjoy a High Tea. Following the meal, you will be entertained by the music of the Twin Ports Highlanders Pipes & Drums and performances by the Highland Dancers. **This is a fun family event! The public is invited to attend.** Reservations are required; tix are available through the DSHA website: http://www.DuluthScots.com or by calling 218-722-1745. Cost: $40 family, $15 adults, $10 for children 6-12, children under 5 free; taxes and fees will be added to final price.

Family Ministry Schedules

Sunday Godly Play

- November 8 – Lower: The Ten Best Ways – Upper: St. Margaret of Scotland
- November 15 – Work Day for Both Groups

Wednesday Youth Groups

Current Unit: Follow Jesus

- Nov. 11 – Philadelphia 11 Movie Screening, all ages – *contact Rita in Parish Office for tickets*
- Nov. 18 – Do not fear unit begins for both groups.

ARTS, CRAFTS, & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
10 AM – 3 PM

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Duluth
1710 E Superior St
Parish Hall - Entrance on Greysolon Rd

Proceeds support our community partners:
Including Safe Haven + Life House + CHUM
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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	The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Patricia Benson
Verger	Kathleen Smith
Altar Guild	Carlyle Conrad, Amber Sadowski, Katie Timmerman
Lectors	Sue Sommer, Melanie Spencer
Prayer Leader	Josh Rude
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice)	Natalie Constance, Matt Gustafson, Callie Taylor
Acolytes	Eliana Erspamer, Sara Keto, Matilda Spehar
Music	Chancel Choir; Thomas Hamilton, organist
Livestream	David Barthel
Ushers	Nancy Schuldt, Jason Wall, Rae Finkel, Alex Pettit
Nursery Attendants	Ya'myali Quinn-Sikorski, Arna Rennan
Coffee Host	Mike & Jen French
Lock Up	Sophie Gray