

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Traditional Rite II Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 a.m.

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost Sept. 24, 2023

On ZOOM: Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3FcKREH> Meeting ID: 824 1236 4013 Password: 308693
Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833

The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner
Bishop of Nevada
The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff
Rector
The Rev. Mike Margerum
Deacon

Welcome to All

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace their diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

Kid's Area

Located on the south side of the church is a special area where there are some coloring materials which can be used there or at other places in the church. Please return these supplies to their baskets following worship.

Holy Communion in Your Seat

If you desire to receive Holy Communion but are unable to walk up to the altar rail, please notify an usher.

They will inform the clergy of your request, and the clergy will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your seat.

Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified. All chalices continue to be intinction only.

If you are in need of a gluten free Communion wafer, there is a small basket as you enter the north side of the worship space. In it you will find a stone. When it is time for you to receive Communion, hold the stone in the palm of your hand and the clergy will exchange it with a gluten free wafer.

Guests and Visitors

We are especially excited to have you here with us today. Please take the time to sign the guest book located on the Welcome Wagon near the south entrance.

If you have any questions about St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church, please don't hesitate to visit with one of our clergy, either today or during the week.

**THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**

We Did This Together!

It was an incredible thing we did as a community...epic... a miracle level event. We humbly asked you to give sacrificially and look what we did. We, as a community, stepped out of the boat and we walked on water. We took a few loafs of bread and a couple fish and we fed the 5,000. We did what was said to be impossible.
Funds in the bank on May 31st.
\$82,698
Funds raised since June 1st.
\$345,189
Total raised for the parking lot.
\$427,887

Helpful Hints for Receiving Holy Communion

- Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Everyone!
- The usher will let you know when it is time for your row to go up.
- Watch the people in front of you to get the flow of things.
- Only receive bread in your palm if you are skipping the chalice.
- To receive the bread and if you want to Intinct ("dipping" the wafer into the cup of wine/grape juice) the minister will place the wafer between your thumb & pointer fingers (pinch it) then you can Intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice.
- Please do not drink from the cup. Intinction only.
- There is a designated chalice on the north side, that has **grape juice**.
- If you would like a **gluten free** wafer, get a small black stone from the basket in the back of the worship space on the north side. Present it to the clergy and they will exchange it for a gluten free wafer.

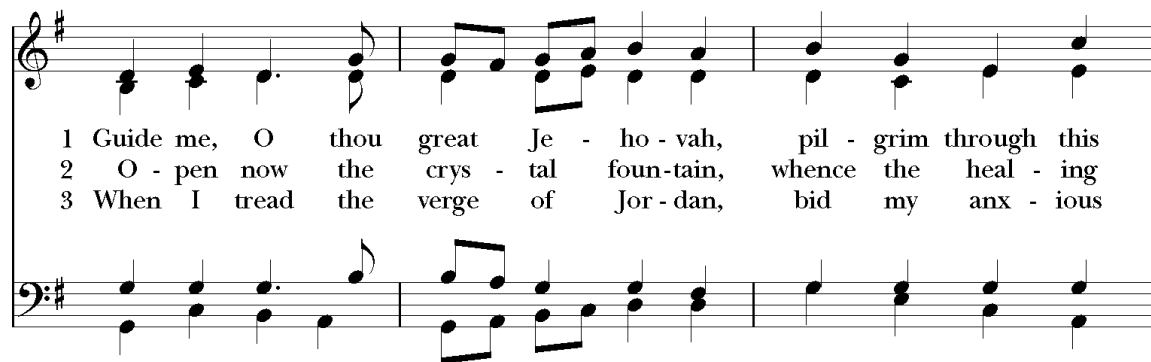
ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand in body or spirit

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#690



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: 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.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #S-277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



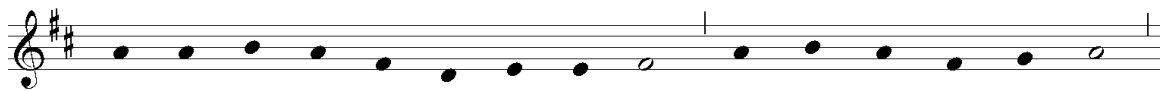
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about

earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even
now, while we are placed among things that are
passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

All Sit

THE FIRST LESSON *Exodus 16:2-15*

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

Lector: We will now read a portion of Psalm 105 responsively by whole verse.

Lector: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

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

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

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

He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that
stumbled.

**Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.**

He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

**They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

**For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.**

So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

**He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON *Philippians 1:21-30*

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul
to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by

your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that

you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand in body or spirit

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God”

#551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1-16*

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you

have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Rector

All Stand in Body or Spirit

THE NICENE CREED *(All in unison)*

**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.**

*****SPECIAL BLESSINGS**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(pause)

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for
those who are alone.**

For Joe, our President; Joe, our Governor;
Hillary and Ed, our Mayors;

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and
oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of
trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

Lord, we pray for each other and for all the people of
God, especially for The Church of the Province of
Myanmar, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Las Vegas,

and First Christian Church of Sparks.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek
the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
Elizabeth, our Bishop;
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this
congregation, especially for: Mark, Sean, Aden,
Bradley, Alex, Suzanne, and all the men and women,
both in our neighborhoods and worldwide, who with
courage wake each day to keep the peace and protect
humanity.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially those
we name, both aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

(pause) The People may add their own petitions.

THE PRIEST BLESSES THE PRAYER QUILTS
(if there are any to bless, then the Leader continues)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We pray for those who are traveling this week.
(pause) The People may add their own petitions.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(pause) The People may add their own petitions.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died;
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(pause) The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(pause)

Leader and People:

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left
undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider concludes with an absolution.

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the love of Christ.

THE OFFERTORY

During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in creation.

It is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.

If mailing in an offering, please remit to:
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 737, Sparks, NV 89432
Or online at www.StPaulssparks.org



Scan with your smart phone camera to give secure and "contact free" donations.

All Stand in Body or Spirit.

PRESENTATION HYMN:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#397

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven adore;
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

THE PRESENTATION

Presider: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS: S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing.

Presider: 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. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: 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. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us
we now pray.

People and Presider:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: Alleluia!
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION

Presider: Come and be fed;
you who have much faith,
and you who are seeking more;
you who come here often,
and you who are new among us;
you who have done well,
and you who have stumbled along the way.

All of you are welcome and belong here
at Christ's table.

So come as you are,
for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here,
and these sacred gifts are for you.

*The grape juice chalice is typically served by the
Deacon. Listen for an announcement to confirm this.*

COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

*Here at St. Paul's everyone is invited to come forward
and receive Holy Communion.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us all stand in body or spirit
as we pray together.

People and Presider:

**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.**

THE BLESSING

The Priest offers this or other blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *(located on next page)*

Silent Movie Fundraiser: November 3rd Nosferatu

Have you ever watched a silent movie the way they
were originally experienced? Come and experience
Nosferatu and Dorothy Jean Papadakos within the
beautiful architecture of Trinity Cathedral in
downtown Reno, November 3rd, 7:00 p.m. (\$40)
A reception at 5:30 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres and
wine is also available (\$15).

Tickets for both can be purchased by searching
St. Paul's Sparks on Eventbrite.com, or
purchase them from Barbara Papadakos after church.

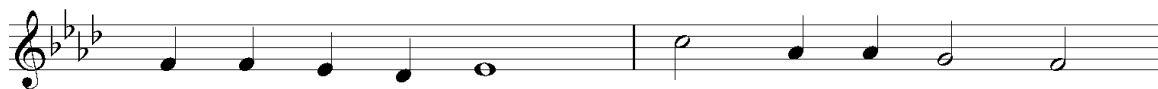
A little bit about Dorothy Jean: She is an American
concert organist, composer, lyricist, playwright, and
author. She is the former organist at the Cathedral of
St. John the Divine in New York City (1990–2003),
the first female organist to hold that post. She was also
organist for the Paul Winter Consort at the Cathedral's
Easter and Christmas services and performed with the
ensemble on their Grammy Award-winning album
Silver Solstice, released in 2005.

In 2005, Papadakos co-produced Pompeii the Musical,
for which she wrote the book, music and lyrics. Its
production was well-received, breaking box office
records when it premiered in Wilmington, North
Carolina.

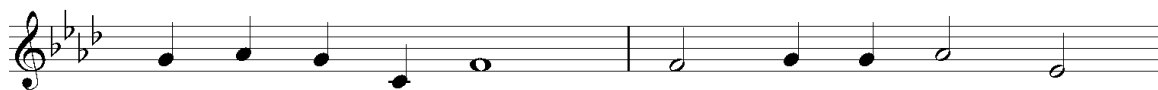
In 2017, her first novel, The Kingdom of Winter, was
published. Using fantasy characters to address climate
change concerns, the book is now used in a science
and literature curriculum for middle-school students.



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, “Go work to - day.”
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, “Ser - vants, well done.”

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon offers a dismissal and the people respond
People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Donate Your Old Computers

The Lion’s Club is taking donations of old retired but usable Windows computers as well as old broken trash computer equipment. Working computers will be repurposed for those in need and the broken ones will be recycled.

You can bring these computers to the church for pickup by Dick Schori. If you have questions, contact him at richard.schori@gmail.com.

Friday Bible Study on Zoom

Come and join Fr. Kirk on Friday mornings from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00 p.m. We are currently studying the Sunday Gospel lesson for the week. If you would like to join the bible study on ZOOM, email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.

St. Paul’s Men’s Pizza Night

All the men of St. Paul’s (and their friends) are invited to gather at Boulevard Pizza in Sparks on September 28th (the last Thursday of the month) from 4:30 to 6:00ish. We will share pizza, beer/soft drinks, and fellowship. This group communicates by group text, so if you want a monthly reminder or more information, email Dick Schori at richard.schori@gmail.com.

Sunday Book Study
October 8-November 12
2:00pm to 4:30pm

Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien. The book can be purchased from wherever you buy your books.