

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Blended Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 a.m.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

On ZOOM: Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3FcKREH> Meeting ID: 824 1236 4013 Password: 308693
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The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner
Bishop of Nevada
The Very Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff
Rector

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 pleased 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.

Calling all St. Paul's 20's/30's

The older I get the more I understand every age group is presented with a unique perspective when it comes to faith. Because of this, I realize that I need a refresher course with some age groups! I am inviting those age 20-30 who worship at St. Paul's to join me for dinner and time to talk about faith. these are the dates and times we will meet.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: 17, 24, 31

Please RSVP at
Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org and let me know if you can join me. Also let me know if you have any food allergies or preferences.

Gratefully,
Fr. Kirk

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, either say gluten free to the clergy distributing the bread, or you can get a small black stone from the basket in the back of the worship space on the north side. Present it in the palm of your hand to the clergy and they will exchange it for a gluten free wafer.

PRELUDE: "This is Amazing Grace"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand in body or spirit

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Surely it is God who saves me"

#679



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE "I Will Celebrate"

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of
your people who call upon you, and grant that they may
know and understand what things they ought to do, and
also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish
them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

All Sit

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19

Lector: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that

David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

Lector: We will now read Psalm 24 responsively by whole verse.

Lector: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

People: For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

**"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

**Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high,
O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

**"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord,
mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high,

O everlasting doors; *

and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" *

"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

THE SECOND LESSON *Ephesians 1:3-14*

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit

SEQUENCE HYMN

"Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

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1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

THE GOSPEL *Mark 6:14-29*

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Rector

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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

Leader: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Leader: Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine your light to the ends of the earth and use each of us and the leaders of the world to be instruments of your freedom, justice, and peace. *[Pause]*

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Leader: Lord, make us faithful stewards of your creation and help us use our abundance to the glory of your name. *[Pause]*

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Leader: Lord, you are the bread of life. Use us to feed the hungry and nourish us with your Spirit. *[Pause]*

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Leader: Lord, you are our hope and our strength. Comfort all who are alone, rejected, and unemployed; give courage to all who are without hope. *[Pause]*

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer for those who are in need of healing, especially those we now name. *[The People add their petitions]*

QUILTS: *If there is a quilt, the priest will bless it now. After the quilt is blessed, the prayers continue.*

Leader: Restore the injured, heal the sick and inspire those whose faith is broken.

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Lord, you are our ultimate protection. We pray for Mark, Sean, Aden, Bradley, Alex, Suzanne, and all men and women, both in our neighborhoods and worldwide, who with courage wake each day to keep the peace and protect humanity.

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Lord, we pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, Elizabeth, our Bishop and for all the people of God, especially for St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Carson City; The Anglican Church of Bangladesh, and First Baptist Church of Sun Valley. May our lives and work proclaim your glory.

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Leader: Lord, we thank you for all the relationships in our lives: We pray for those who blame us and

for those we blame. Help us find healthy ways to discharge our discomfort and pain. *[Pause]*

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Leader: Lord, point our hearts in the right direction and give each of us the strength to live into the gifts you have given us. *[Pause]*

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

Leader: Lord, you are resurrection and life. We remember before you all who have died: receive them into eternal life and raise us with them into the joy of your heavenly kingdom. *[Pause]*

Leader: God of love and hope,
People: we lift our prayer to you.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider: Loving God, by your Spirit, the wholeness of your people is sacred. Receive our prayers for all members of your Holy Creation, that in our life and ministry we may truly serve you through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Sins are things that cause separation in our lives. Let us reflect on, and confess our sins to God. *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Presider: God of all mercy,

People and Presider:
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through
our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Presider: Wipe away all worry and shame. It is through grace that God forgives you and nothing can separate you from the love of God. Allow yourself to accept God's forgiveness, and live into this new beginning as one who is forgiven. **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 ANTHEM

THE OFFERING

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.

THE PRESENTATION SONG "Freely, Freely"

THE PRESENTATION

Presider: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,

you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Presider: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Presider: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider: Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. 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: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

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 person serving the grape juice chalice will be announced.

COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

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

**COMMUNION SONG: "I Can Only Imagine"
"Those Who See Light"**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand in body or spirit.

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 Wisdom of God, the Love of God,
and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's
hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen. *(Celtic)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN *(located on next page)*

A contribution to the Altar Flowers
this week has been given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Joan Plank
by Martin and Chrissy Plank

St. Paul's Men's Retreat

August 23 - 25

Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe

Cost: \$217.00.

We need ten participants to meet this commitment

Contact: Dick Stufflebeam

Realstuff775@charter.net

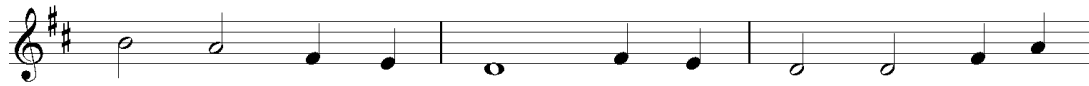
Northern Nevada Pride Parade & Festival

Save the date September 7th!

If you would like to help fund our participation, please write PRIDE on your donation. If you would like to join the PRIDE Committee, please email
Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



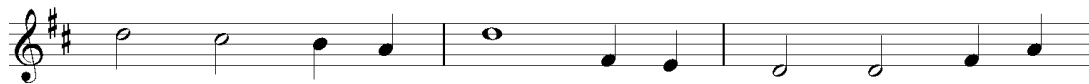
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE DISMISSAL

The Presider offers a dismissal and the people respond

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “This little Light of Mine”

Book Drive

Spread the Word Nevada book drive and competition:
 please drop off any children’s books in the box labeled
 Spread the Word Nevada in the narthex.

If you don't have any books but would like to contribute
 there is a barcode to scan to donate, you will just add in
 that you're with St. Paul's Church, so we get credit.

Each dollar is worth three books.

The competition starts July 1st and will run through the
 end of the month.

All books donated will be cleaned and given to children
 in schools that are in lower income communities.

Questions: contact Alysha Johnson 352-342-2195



Faith Night

JULY 26
6:35 P.M.

vs. **LAS VEGAS AVIATORS**



SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE



