ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ingathering Sunday
November 15, 2026, 10:00am
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
StPaulsSparks.org

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you're welcome to participate fully in all that we do here. We invite you to say the words in bold throughout the service. Restrooms are outside the sanctuary and down the hall. Turn right at your first opportunity. You're invited to join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the parish hall. If it's your first time worshipping with us, please fill out the Connect Card in the foyer. Be sure to leave your mobile number if you'd like a text from Mother Hannah.

Prelude

I give you praise for you deserve it
I give you praise for what you've done
I give you praise for you are able
I give you praise 'til I overcome
I give you praise when the sun is shining
I give you praise in the dark of night
I give you praise when the battle rages
I give you praise 'til it works out right

Chorus: Shout of the king is among us,
God lives here in our praises
Shout of the king is among us

Announcements & Welcome

The Processional

In my weakest moment I see You
shaking Your head in disgrace
I can read the disappointment
written all over Your face

Here come those whispers in my ear
saying who do you think you are
looks like you're on your own from here
'cause grace could never reach that far

But in the shadow of that shame
beat down by all the blame
I hear You call my name saying it's not over
and my heart starts to beat so loud now
Drowning out the doubt
I'm down but I'm not out
There's a war between guilt and grace

"Shout of the King"

Praise him, praise him, praise him in everything
(Repeat)

I give you praise for you deserve it
I give you praise for what you've done
I give you praise for you are able
I give you praise 'til I overcome
I give you praise when the sun is shining
I give you praise in the dark of night
I give you praise when the battle rages
I give you praise 'til it works out right. Chorus x2
Praise him, praise him, Praise him in everything

"Grace Wins"

And they're fighting for a sacred space
But I'm living proof grace wins every time
No more lying down in death's defeat
Now I'm rising up in victory
Singing hallelujah
Grace wins every time
Words can't describe the way it feels
when mercy floods a thirsty soul
The broke inside begins to heal
and grace returns what guilty stole

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beat down by all the blame
I hear You call my name saying it's not over
my heart starts to beat so loud now
Drowning out the doubt
I'm down but I'm not out

There's a war between guilt and grace
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The Acclamation & Collect of the Day

Blessed be the one holy and living God. **Glory to God for ever and ever!**
Let us pray. *(A moment of silence for prayer.)* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah (1:7,12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 90:1-8, 12
We will sing the Psalm all together to the tune of "While shepherds watched their flocks by night" Hymn #94

Lord, You have been our dwelling place, through generations all;
From age to age, our hiding place; our refuge whom we call.

Before the mountains came to be, or earth sprang from Your word,
From everlasting to all time, You are the only God.

You turn us back to dust and say, "Return, O mortal ones."
For dust we are, to dust return; we go to dust again.

A thousand years are merely like a day within Your sight;
A day soon gone, or like a watch that passes in the night.

We're swept away in sleep of death, and like new grass at morn—
Though it sprouts up with morning light, by dusk it's dry and worn.

For by Your anger we're consumed—in terror at Your wrath;
You've set our sins before You, and Your light reveals their path.

The Living Epistle — Mrs. Elyse Monroy Marsala

During our fall pledge campaign, "Plenty Good Room," we're hearing from members of our congregation about why they love St. Paul's and why they choose to be generous.

The Gospel Acclamation

Hymn #680 "O God, our help in ages past"

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but

from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Gospel Acclamation Continued

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears us all far away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home.

The Sermon — The Rev. Hannah Wilder
Silent reflection after the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Special Prayers
If you're celebrating sobriety, a birthday, an anniversary, or traveling, or any other significant milestone, you are invited to come forward for prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Priest: Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Chile. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Grace St. Francis in Lovelock. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need, including Lindsay Harding, Jan Johnson, Sydney Tavares, Ace, Diane Patrick and those we now name. *(Pause for people to say names aloud).*
Surround them with your healing and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace, including: Mary Arkell, Shelley Tavares, Dolores Huerta, Steve Smith, Richard Patrick and those we now name. *(Pause for people to speak aloud the names of loved ones who have died.)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Priest: Gracious God, giver of every good gift, awaken in us grateful hearts and generous spirits. When the tides of greed and scarcity rise around us, anchor us in your abundance. Teach us to hold loosely what we possess and share freely what we have received. By your Holy Spirit, continue to make this faith community a place where there is Plenty Good Room for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ingathering

As our guest violinist, David Haskins, plays, all who have brought pledge forms are invited to come forward and place them in the basket at the front of the church. If you already turned in your pledge form, feel free to use a blank one from the pew in front of you. When the procession has concluded, please stand as you are able and join in the following prayer of dedication.

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household, and we give you thanks for the abundance of your blessings. These pledges represent the work of our hands, the sweat of our brow, and the generosity of our hearts. Bless these offerings and all who give, that together we may share your love, serve our neighbors, and make plenty good room for all your children. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Feel free to greet one another with whatever sign of peace (handshake, fist bump, nod, etc.) is comfortable for you.

Communion Instructions & Offertory Sentence

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

The Offertory

Your gifts sustain our mission and ministry. Thank you for being generous. You may place your gifts in the offering plate as it comes around. Or you can point your phone camera at the code to the right and follow the instructions to give online. We especially appreciate automated giving, and help with covering fees. When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

The Presentation Song

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

"Give Thanks"

And now, let the weak say I am strong.
Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give Thanks.

Prayer Over the Offering: All things come of thee, O Lord, **and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B, Inclusive Language

May God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift our hearts to God.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

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: #Sanctus S125

Holy, holy, holy LOrd, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus 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, Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior. Sanctify us also, and 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.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Please be seated. Follow the directions of the ushers. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the priest. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may still come forward for a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest. Let an usher know if you would like communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Music

"How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. / When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur / And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. Chorus.

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Chorus.

"More Love More Power"

More love, more power, more of you in my life. 2x
And I will worship you with all of my heart. 2x
And I will worship you with all of my strength.
For you are my Lord. Repeat.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray. *(Pause for silent prayer.)* Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. You have welcomed us to your table, where there is plenty good room for all. Now send us out to make room for others, sharing generously the gifts you have entrusted to us, and serving as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest gives a final blessing to which we respond, **Amen.**

The Recessional

Hymn #551 "Rise up, ye saints of God"

Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Ambry Light Given to the Glory of God in Celebration of Ray Luck's birthday. - Holly Stevens

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Announcements

Nature Journaling Join Deacon Mike Margerum after worship, about 11:30am - 12:30pm, for an introduction to nature journaling as a spiritual practice. Through simple writing, sketching, and observation, we'll explore how paying attention to the natural world can deepen our connection with God. Questions? Contact Mike: 775-229-2695.

Ushers Needed Ushers play an important role in welcoming our congregation and helping Sunday services run smoothly. The commitment is typically one Sunday a month, and you get to choose the Sunday that works best for you. No experience necessary—just a willingness to help. Contact Dick Stufflebeam: realstuff775@charter.net or Amee in the office: office@stpaulssparks.org.

Thanksgiving Celebration Thursday November 26, doors open at 12pm followed by a potluck at 1:00pm. Let's celebrate the blessings of life, share delicious food, and create memories with our church family. Signup on the sheet in the narthex or email office@stpaulssparks.org.

Godly Play Sunday School We have Sunday school every week for children ages 3 - 6th grade. Our Godly Play curriculum teaches the stories of the Bible in an open way, encouraging wonder and an artful response. Learn more by contacting Nancy Lightfoot: 775-846-4138.