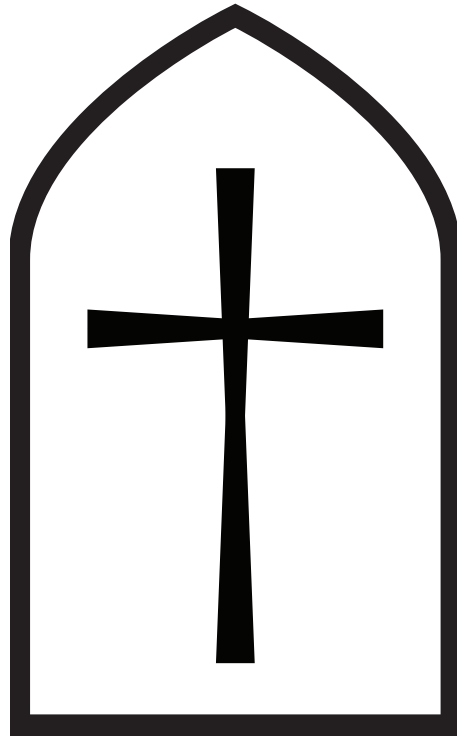


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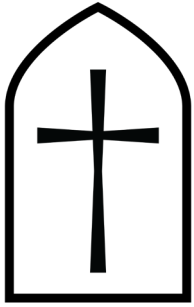


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025

8:00 AM, RITE I

LIVE FAITHFULLY.



The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025 • 8 AM

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

••• Live Faithfully

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

In the Christian tradition, there are a few dates in the liturgical calendar that are especially appropriate for baptism. These days are The Baptism of Our Lord, The Easter Vigil, The Day of Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. If you or a member of your family would like to receive the rite of baptism, please contact the church office.

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Rusty and Dawn Khoury to the glory of God and in loving memory of Theodore and Julia Khoury.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer is an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

This collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

The propers of the service are the scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The collect, lessons, psalm, Gospel, and preface to the communion liturgy are propers. Our lessons come from the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a three year cycle of readings shared by many mainline denominations. Each year we retell the Christian story from Advent through Pentecost.

THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 5:27-32

Our first lesson is usually from the Old Testament, also known as the Hebrew Scriptures. The exception to this is in the Easter season, when we read lessons from the life of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles.

A Reading from Acts.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE • Psalm 118:14-29

The psalms are sung or spoken prayers that cover every mood of humanity’s relationship with God and one another. The psalm is a response to hearing the Old Testament lesson and often it relates to the themes read in the lesson.

Read responsively by whole verse.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the Lord.

- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the Lord’s doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 **Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! ***
Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 **God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; ***
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ***
his mercy endures for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON • Revelation 1:4-8

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL • John 20:19-31

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus’ words and actions.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON • The Rev. Gavin E. Tomlin, Associate Rector

The sermon directly follows the Gospel and helps illuminate the scriptural readings and relate them to daily life.

The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant to recite the Nicene Creed.

The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at service of Holy Eucharist and reflects the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

We pray for ourselves and on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church — the Body of Christ. A brief silence is kept between each bidding.

The people kneel or sit.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; to the whole order of the baptized; our lay pastors, musicians, vestry, school board, and all the faculty and staff of Saint Paul's School; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Bless, O Lord, the milestones of our lives, that, in the course of our mortal pilgrimage, we may know that thou art ever walking beside us. We offer particular thanks for the life and occasion we celebrate with our altar flowers.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those persons who have requested our prayers, those we remember in our hearts, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We remember before you the life Pope Francis. Gracious Lord, receive his soul in this season of thy resurrection and help us to partake in his legacy as an advocate for the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. We beseech you to encourage and strengthen our Roman Catholic siblings and guide them, us, and thy whole Church in the way of

thy Gospel.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of blessed Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and materially in the money we give.

All are invited to support Saint Paul's mission to Live Faithfully as the plate is passed, at saintpaulswaco.org/give, or by scanning the QR code on the card titled "Giving" on the back of the pew in front of you.

If you give online, mail checks, or use other methods to give but still want to participate when the plate is passed, you are welcome to pick up a giving coin at the Welcome Center and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion. The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • Eucharistic Prayer II BCP 340

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

THE GREAT AMEN

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only “Amen” in all capitals found in The Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation’s response.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRESENTATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the acolyte’s direction. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive communion from your pew, you may remain seated during altar rail distribution. A priest will come to the congregation for anyone wishing to remain in the pew. You may raise your hand to get their attention.

The people kneel or sit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BOS 13

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The dismissal signals the end of worship but the beginning of our service. Now that we have been renewed at Christ's altar, we are sent into the world to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. In seasons of festive celebration, like the great 50 days of Easter, we add "Alleluia, Alleluia" to our dismissal.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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| Celebrant & Preacher | The Rev. Gavin E. Tomlin, Associate Rector |
| Vestry Hosts | Andy McSwain and Richard Karr |
| Lector & Intercessor | Alison Fung |
| Altar Guild | Team III: Alison Fung, Bonnie Carpenter, Susan Harriman, Jane Hart, Dawn Khoury, Ruth Miller, Suzy Nettles, Cindy SoRelle, Laura Swann, Ellen Taylor, Carl Ballew |

THE PRAYER LIST • April 27-May 3

At Saint Paul's, prayer is an important part of our vision to Live Faithfully. Every week, we pray for upcoming birthdays and anniversaries, ten of our families, and the ill and infirm. If your birthday or anniversary is in the next week, you are welcome to join us at the front for a prayer following the announcements.

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Horner, Shepherd Neville, Ford Taylor, Marin Dizdar, Mabel Wright

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris and Andy McSwain

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MEMBERS CYCLE

Tom and Joy Robb; Bob Rochell; Bart and Julie Romig; Anne and Nelson Rue; Justin, Nicole, Gordon, Lillian, and Olivia Sage; Jane Saxton; Chet and Carolyn Scheel; Daniel and Doris Scott; Stephen and Patricia Scott; Dain, Suzanne, Clara, and Nolan Shelton

ILL & INFIRM

Whether you are here for the first time or have been a member your whole life, we would love to pray for you. To send in a prayer request, you may call the church office at 254-753-4501 or email contactus@saintpaulswaco.org. You may also fill out the card titled "Prayer" on the back of the pew in front of you. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, please ensure you have their permission or the permission of an immediate family member before putting them on the public prayer list. We are happy to pray privately for those who do not wish to publish their names.

Do you see someone on this list who is doing better? Please let us know! We would love to celebrate with them.

THIS WEEK

Reese Beatty, Donald Bailey, Karen Bailey, Cindy SoRelle, Doris Strain, Carolyn Scheel, Scott Steinbach, Mary Anne Bashara, Alex Sigtenhorst, Betty Young, Peter Dailey, Jessica Attas, Gail Wade, James Rowe, Laura McNutt, Warner Barnes, Dorothy Fisher, Lorri Khoury, Rollin Khoury

ONGOING

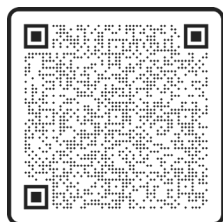
Lauretta Buchanan, Jack Compton, Samantha C., Sue Davis, Glenda Goehrs, Barbara Jensen, Julia Burgess, Sharon Morrow, Lisa Moon, Roger Yount, Brad Canon, Warner Barnes, Peter Bailey, Laura McNutt, Paxon Dove, Carolyn Berry, Marilyn Carden, Lezlie Hall, Eva Jackson, Shannon O'Brien, Dennis Ramsey, Suzie Wright, Rob Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS



For more information on our events, our calendar, and to submit RSVPs, please visit our events page on our website saintpaulswaco.org/events.

IMPORTANT UPDATES



Saint Paul's Staff recently met to review our goals and set intentions for the next few months. Part of this work included restructuring the office following staffing changes. Parish Administrator Brandi Goddard and Facilities Director Kyle Smith have transitioned out of the office. We welcome a new Facilities Director, Adam Johnson, and Sara Allison is taking on a new role as the Interim Director for Ministry Operations. Please scan the QR code or check our weekly email to learn more.

SAM'S SABBATICAL

Rev. Sam's Sabbatical began on April 21! Please wish her well as she spends some time away for rest and renewal. She and the Smiths will return to Saint Paul's July 21. Check your email to read a message from Sam on her Sabbatical.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night Out will meet on Tuesday, May 6 at 5:30 PM at Jorge's Cantina.

CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS

Join us on Sunday, May 5, as we celebrate all of our students during the 10 AM worship service and at a special reception afterward in the Parish Hall. Students are invited to serve in the liturgy as ushers, oblationers, acolytes, or readers. If your student is interested in participating, please contact Gavin at gavin@saintpaulswaco.org. After the service, we'll gather for light refreshments and a time to honor our students and their accomplishments from the past year.

HOLY HIKES

Join us for Holy Hikes on Saturday, May 10, at 9 AM! Holy Hikes involves an easy-to-moderate hike with a service of Holy Eucharist celebrated in stations along the trail. This month, we are meeting at the Waco Wetlands.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several open Altar Flower dates. If you would like to provide flowers for June 22 or July 13, please contact the church office.

DISCIPLE CAMP

Registration is now open for Disciple Camp 2025! Join us June 23 to 27 9 AM to noon for an adventure with Knights of the North Castle! Visit our events page to register under the month of June.

COMFORT MEALS

Know someone who could use a meal delivered to them while they recover from surgery, handle a major life event, or just need encouragement? Our Comfort Meals ministry is ready to help! Stop by the Parish Hall and head to the freezer to pick up a meal or two for those in need. Scan the QR code on the freezer to fill out a brief form online, and then take a meal to someone who needs it, or two for you to share. Special requests are welcome and we can always use more volunteers to cook! To learn more, email lisa@saintpaulswaco.org

SUNDAY FORMATION

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Join the Rev. Preston Yancey in the Parish Hall at 9 AM each Sunday for an Adult Formation class covering How to Read the Bible.

YOUTH FORMATION

The middle and high schoolers gather in the Parlor the third Sunday of each month for breakfast tacos, a lesson from the Gospel, and great conversation. We hope your youth will join us! On all other Sundays, youth are encouraged to join the adult Sunday School class in Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children 5 through 10 will experience the joy and wonder of God in Sunday School through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. With parables, we plan to experience the value and worth of God's Kingdom. Please join us in the Children's Chapel beginning at 9 AM through 9:50 AM.

WEEKLY FORMATION



BENEDICTINE STUDY GROUP

Benedictine Study Group meets on first and third Tuesdays at 12 PM in the church office library. Scan the QR code to visit their website. All are welcome to join.

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer meets on Thursdays at noon in the chapel. All are welcome, and attendance is not limited to Saint Paul's parishioners. For further information, please email EbsSmith@yahoo.com.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets weekly on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall. Breakfast begins at 6:30 AM and study begins at 7 AM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the office library. For Lent, our group is studying "Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus" with Lauren F. Winner. This study is meant to challenge you to encounter the Jewish context of Jesus, explore spiritual practices, and use these lessons to deepen your faith. All are welcome, please join us!



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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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M-F 9 AM-12 PM & 1 PM-4 PM

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