



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr., Celebrant
The Rev. Dr. Erica Ridderman, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M. SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

"Come, labor on"

The Hymnal 1982 #541
Ora Labora

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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 Song of Praise: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

The Hymnal 1982 #390
Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a tion; O my soul,
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath
praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng,
life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men
psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Processional

"All things bright and beautiful" (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

The Hymnal 1982 #405
Royal Oak

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Jerome Webster Meachen



- ## Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn

"God is Love, let heaven adore him" (vv. 1 & 2)

The Hymnal 1982 #379
Abbot's Leigh

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Erica Ridderman, Deacon

A moment of silence follows the homily.

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.

The Prayers of the People

Form IV (adapted)

BCP 388

People's Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Celebrant and People say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements, & Offertory Sentence

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or on the giving card in the back of the pews. At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.



The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able while the offering is presented.

The Offertory Response: The Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982 #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982 #S163

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on__ us." are written. The second staff continues the melody, with a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above them. Below the second staff, the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on__ us." are written. The third staff continues the melody, also featuring a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above them. Below the third staff, the lyrics "Lamb of God____ you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace." are written. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Presentation & Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for Communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail. If you would like a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you with a pottery chalice. If you would like to drink from the chalice directly, please consume the bread first and a communion server will offer you the silver chalice (common cup). If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and a priest will offer a blessing or a deacon will offer a prayer. A person may be available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

Music During Communion

"Come with us, O blessed Jesus"

The Hymnal 1982 #336

Werde munter

"O Jesus, I have promised"

The Hymnal 1982 #655

Nyland

"This is the hour of banquet and of song"

The Hymnal 1982 #316

Canticum refectionis

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Enriching our Worship (EOW) 69

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

The Retiring Processional

"All creatures of our God and King" (vv. 1, 4, 5, & 7)

The Hymnal 1982 #400

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar Flowers are offered to the glory of God and in celebration for the 55th wedding anniversary of Kurt and Katie Robinson.

GENERAL INFORMATION

New to St. Paul's? Welcome! Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Connecting Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus the third Sunday of the month after the 10 a.m. service to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Kids in Worship at St. Paul's: Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 10 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Please wear your nametags when you're here at church! And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

HAPPENING TODAY – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 10 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Celebrate the End of Summer with the Feast of St. Seersucker: Join us after the 10 a.m. service for lemonade and light snacks outside (weather-permitting) as we close out the summer season.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGES

Sept. 13 and Thereafter: Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I), 9 a.m. (Rite II) and 11:15 a.m. (Rite II)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents Launching Young Adults: St. Paul's is forming a supportive ministry group for parents of 18 to 23 year olds adjusting to shifting family dynamics. Join us as we find fellowship, share experiences and support one another through this transitional season. Upcoming gatherings will be Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's (meet in the back of the church near the courtyard), and Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. at Starbucks in Cary (1217 Kildaire Farm Rd). Contact Julia Rudy at jbrudy@yahoo.com for more information.

Dads and Kids Greenway Walk: St. Paul's Men's Group is hosting the second annual "Dads and Kids Greenway Walk," on Saturday, Sept. 12, starting at 9 a.m. near the youth wing. Choose your own pace and distance and meet back at the church for popsicles and photos; all ages and abilities welcome! Come and share some time with other parents in a relaxed setting. Learn more on the parish website or by contacting Morris Hamilton at morrishamilton3@gmail.com.

Ministry Fair: Join us in the parish hall on Sept. 13 during coffee hour (10:15 a.m.) for a Ministry Fair! Representatives from our many ministries will be on hand to share stories and answer questions about what they do and how you can get involved. This is a great way to visit with friends as you share coffee and stories, whether you are new, visiting or just looking to connect. Contact Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org if your ministry wants to participate.

Children and Youth Sunday School Resumes Sept. 13: We are excited to resume Sunday School, on Sunday, Sept. 13! These offerings will take place after the 9 a.m. service in the education building (preK through 5th grade) and the youth wing (6th-12th grade).

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Begins Sept. 13: Rising 6th graders through 12th graders are invited to join St. Paul's EYC, which meets most Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. in the youth wing. EYC looks to build spiritual community through fun, conversation, and dinner together. Our first meeting is on Sept. 13. Please plan to join us and invite your friends!

ONE Wake Fall Assembly – Affordable Housing Face to Face: ONE Wake's Homeownership to Equity Campaign takes a step forward in this assembly (Saturday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.) as we feature future homeowners and residents who are struggling to remain among us as neighbors. Hear their stories; listen as we present solutions to elected officials throughout Wake County. St. Paul's is pledging a large turnout, and we need your support; the event will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh, so a carpool will be planned. Questions? Contact Christina Myers at chmyers5@gmail.com.

PRE-EYC Begins Sept. 20: Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Pre-EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is a twice monthly gathering for 4th and 5th graders that builds church friendships through fun activities, food and service. Pre-EYC is active in outreach, both here at church and in the community. Our Welcome Potluck Parent/Child Meeting is Sunday, Sept. 20, from 5-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring a food item to share for dinner. We hope you'll bring a friend, too! For more info, contact Shannon Robinson at shannon3b@gmail.com.

RJPG Fall Book Discussion: The Racial Justice Planning Group will facilitate discussion on "How the South Won the Civil War: Oligarchy, Democracy, and the Continuing Fight for the Soul of America" by Heather Cox Richardson on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the annex. The sign up is currently full; a waitlist has been formed. Please contact Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net for more information on being added to the list.

St. Paul's Christmas Pageant 2026 – Please Register Now: It may sound strange, but coordinating roles for our Christmas Pageant requires us to start early! All children, preschool through 5th grade, are invited to take part in our pageant—whether in a speaking role or simply being part of the story. Older children are welcome to volunteer behind the scenes. Roles are matched to the children who register (with 5th graders getting preference since it's their last year!). Everyone will have a place in the story. The pageant will take place during the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 20. More information is available online or by contacting Melanie Williams at melanie@moyer.net. Register on the St. Paul's website by Sept. 27 and let us know your role preferences.

Order a Lobster AND Join our Volunteer Crews: Don't just celebrate Lobster Fest on Oct. 3 as a consumer, join one of our many volunteer crews! It's a fun way to get to know folks while helping raise funds for ministries that bring hope, healing and practical support to our world. We have spots for a variety of ages and abilities; learn more about volunteering online, or by contacting Vicki Bradley at vicki@lobsterfestcary.org. Remember to order your lobsters now, too!

REI (Racial Equity Institute) Phase I Training: St. Paul's will host Racial Equity Institute Phase I training for the community on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 15-16. St. Paul's folks – first timers and alum – are welcome. Thanks to the generosity of the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee of our diocese, scholarship funding is available. We will be able to cover half of the cost for new participants until those funds are exhausted. If financial support would help make this training more accessible to you, please reach out to aleta@att.net BEFORE registering. Find out more about REI training on the St. Paul's website.

Sept. 19 Spiritual Retreat Hosted by St. Ambrose Episcopal Church Women: St. Ambrose Episcopal Church Women (ECW) warmly invites you to a day of prayer, fellowship, food and fun, exploring the theme "Her Worth, Her Way: Embracing the Virtuous Woman." The event is Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the YMCA Corporate Office, 801 Corporate Center Dr, #200, Raleigh. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online. More information is available on the flyer in the narthex or by emailing ecw@stambrosedaleigh.org.

We pray for Noah, Sally, Parrish, Janet, Susan, Chuck, Carter, Anne, Ethan, Mary Jo, Judy, Carl, Martha, Henry, Althea, Jan, Zemiria, Henry, Louise, Terri, Lee, Andy, Benita, Mary, Sherry, Louane, Keith, Jimmy, Sharo, Claudia, Ethan, Mauricio, Allison, Theresa, Ben, Rich, Chris, Paige, Mary Martha, Erika, Stacey, Lisa, Kay, Jack, Carl, Jan, Quinn, Travis, Zachary, Bob, Claudia, Marsha, Travis, Savannah, Kathryn, Jackie, Ted, Renee, Xavier, Lambert, Scott, Sue, Barbara, Larry, Zachary, Ken, Jonathan, and Kevin.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Kermit Williams and Ely Wurts Martinez.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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