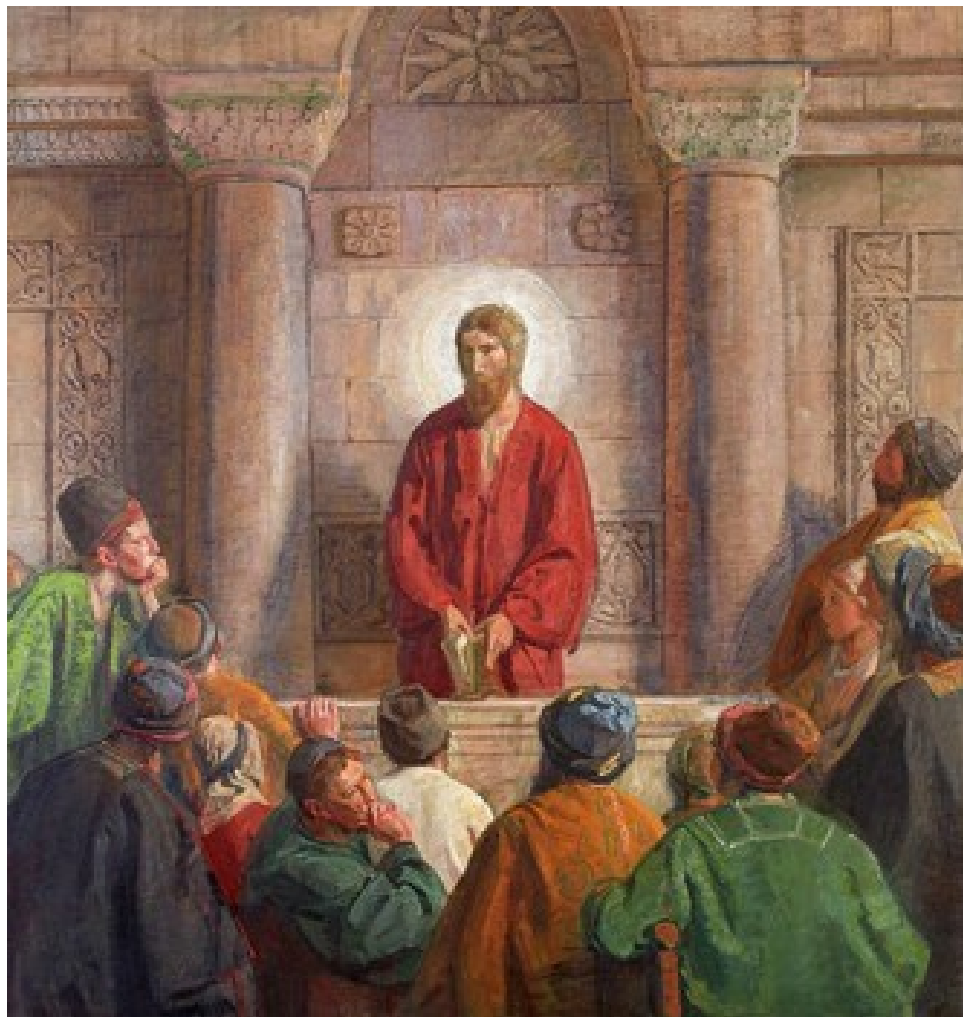


# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 27th, 2025**

**9:30 A.M. in the Chapel**

The Rev. Karla Woggon

# Welcome to our Church

## WELCOME

to

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

We are delighted you are seeking God in this special place. We want you to know that wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome to ask your questions here.

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# The Gathering

Prelude  
Antiphon

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

## Welcome and Announcements

### Processional Hymn #635 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble staff) and a piano accompaniment line (bass staff). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes a two-part setting of the first line of the hymn. The second system continues the first line. The third system continues the first line. The fourth system continues the first line and includes the second line of the hymn. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady piano accompaniment.

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

## **Opening Acclamation**

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

**Presider**        Let us pray:

**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.**

## **Gloria S--280**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

### **Hosea 1:2-10**

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

# The Response

# Psalm 85

## *Benedixisti, Domine*

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**

You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
**and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**

Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
**let your anger depart from us.**

Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
**will you prolong your anger from age to age?**

Will you not give us life again, \*  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
**and grant us your salvation.**

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## Second Reading

## Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand as you are most comfortable*

## Sequence Hymn #767 Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, cleansed by the  
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, dead in the  
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, marked with the

blood of Christ our King: heirs of sal - va - tion,  
tomb with Christ our King: one with his ris - ing,  
sign of Christ our King: born of one Fa - ther,

trust - ing his prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
we are his child - ren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Words: Michael Saward (b. 1932). Music: Eugene W. Hancock (1929-1994).

## The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*All are seated*

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Karla Woggon*

*A time of silence following 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.  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we pray with one heart and mind to our God, saying:

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

We pray that the love that flows endlessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the lives of all who follow Jesus and draw the human family all together into your eternal dance;

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

We pray for the leaders of the Church, and for the leaders of nations, that we, with them, may discern the ways to overcome divisions and mistrust, that all may reflect your unity in every aspect of our common lives.

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

We pray that your Abundant Life, seen clearly in the life of Jesus, may endure and flourish as the Holy Spirit enlightens us to a greater understanding of you, ourselves, and all others with whom we share our planet.

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

We pray for our families, our communal life and our wider communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which builds us up and strengthens us with your grace and truth.

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

We thank you for our natural world, that you so lovingly created and reveals your glory; help us be wise, careful, and loving caregivers of your creation.

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

In the power of your Spirit who joins our prayer to Christ's eternal intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, those who have died, and all who stand in need, and healing for all the world we pray,

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the earth.**

In an endless outpouring of thanksgiving for your ceaseless joy, we give thanks for our hope as a people of God, this community of faith, and our lives together that we may always rejoice in the power of your love.

**Holy Spirit, you renew the face of the Earth.**

Presider: Gracious God, with whom Jesus taught us to live intimately, by the inner workings of your Spirit, help us to embrace your truth and deepen our communion with you, give us courage to more and more be signs of your enduring love. This we pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and works with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,**

**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 that enslaves us,**

**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.**

## **Absolution**

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**

✧ *“The Peace” is a Christian tradition deriving its roots from Jesus himself who greeted people saying, “Peace be with you.” “The Peace” may feel awkward if you are new or an introvert or trying not to be noticed. We take this portion of our worship seriously as we live in a deeply divided world full of violence. These actions in God’s house model what we are called to do in the world.*

**Presider:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **Presider: Invitation to the Great Thanksgiving**

## **Offertory**

### **Offertory Anthem**

**Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**

*(for text, see Hymn #711)*

*Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)*

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand, as able.*

*Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP page 369*

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our lord, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

## *Eucharistic Prayer C invites standing*

God of all power, Ruler 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: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, 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 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.

**Forgive us when we fall short of your hope for the human family.**

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.

**By his love, 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## *Prayer C invites remaining standing*

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 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 his death and resurrection,**

**as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord, God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah and Leah; 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.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem


### S-169 (My Flesh is Food Indeed)

*Cantor or Choir*




My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

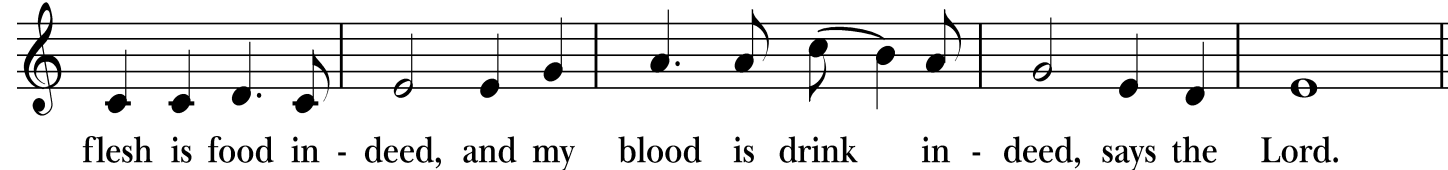


deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

*All*



flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My



flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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## The Invitation to Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God...  
**God's holy gifts for God's holy people.**

*This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you have little, you who have been here often and you have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you.*

You will now have three ways to receive communion:

**In one kind**--this means you receive only the bread or only the wine. Receive the bread by extending your hands, palm upward, when the presider comes to you and then leaving the rail or crossing your hands over your chest when the chalice comes to you.

To receive the wine only, cross your hands when the bread is presented and then drink from the chalice by gently assisting the chalice bearer by grasping the base of the chalice lightly to help guide it to your lips.

**Intinction (having the bread dipped in the wine and placed in your hand) is only done by the presider from the intinction tray. To receive communion by intinction simply keep your hands down by your sides as we have been doing. Then raise them to take intincted bread between thumb and forefinger.**

**In two kinds**--this is where you consume both the bread and the wine either by receiving the bread and then drinking from the chalice or by Intinction.

There is no intinction by multiple individuals from the chalice.

Gluten free wafers available upon request.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray,

**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.**

*Please stand or kneel as you are comfortable*

## **The Blessing**

*Please stand or kneel as you are comfortable.*

## Recessional Hymn #587 Our Father, By Whose Name

The musical score is written for three voices (1, 2, 3) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose Name all fa - ther-hood is known,  
2 O Christ, thy - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,  
3 O Spi - rit, who dost bind our hearts in u - ni - ty,

who dost in love pro - claim each fam - i - ly thine own,  
with heart still un - de - filed, thou didst to man-hood come;  
who teach - est us to find the love from self set free,

bless thou all par - ents, guard-ing well, with con - stant love as  
our chil - dren bless, in ev - ery place, that they may all be -  
in all our hearts such love in - crease, that ev - ery home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which thy peo - ple dwell.  
hold thy face, and know - ing thee may grow in grace.  
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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## **The Dismissal**

**Presider:** Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Postlude**

**Voluntary in D Minor**

*Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

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## PRAYER LIST

***Please remember in your prayers:*** All who are ill or unemployed and those who are on our prayer list.

### **Short-term**

Patrick Zander

### **Long-term**

Jason Williams, Shane Jenkins, Kaye Hall, Dot Beamon, Da'Shon Horton

### **Armed Forces**

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially John Craine, Micha Duerk, Faith Lankford, Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Jason Westmeyer, and all others who serve throughout the world.

**Prayer requests can be submitted through the prayer request form by scanning the QR code below, or by contacting the office.**





**July 29th—Laura Stinson**

**August 1st—Marianne Strafer**

**August 1st—Mark Stone**

**August 2nd—Kevin Murphy**



**No anniversaries this week.**

**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild: Mike Southwell, Mary Southwell**

**Reader/Server: Linda Schneider**

**Usher: David McNeill**

**Bread Bakers: Mark Williams & Ben Staley**

**Vestry Lock-Up for July: Scott Jessee**



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