



St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, September 12, 2021: 16th Sunday After Pentecost

*I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which
the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

(Galatians 6:14)



ST. PAUL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

Welcome!! During this unique time in history, services will look a bit different than normal. We want to care for the whole parish during this time and one way to care for one another is keeping each other safe. As such, we ask you to follow these guidelines while worshiping with us:

- **Experiencing Cough, Fever, or Other Symptom/s?** Go home immediately and please stay home for fourteen days following the end of your symptoms.
- **Wear a Mask.** All parishioners must wear a mask to all services (as per City of Edmonton bylaw 19408). Exceptions to this include children under the age of two and those with a medical condition where wearing a mask is not possible. Masks may be removed when taking communion but must be replaced immediately following. If you do not have a mask, we have cloth masks available in the foyer.
- **Maintain Physical Distance.** At all times, please remain a minimum of six feet (three seat spaces) from all other individuals not part of your family unit. You will find tape on the floor six feet apart in multiple locations to help you maintain this distance. Please also maintain physical distance outside.
- **Listen to the Ushers.** There will be ushers inside and outside to help direct these new procedures. Please heed their direction as they are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- **Sanitize Hands Frequently.** Please sanitize your hands upon entry and before taking communion. You may also sanitize as often as you would like during the service. Please also try to refrain from touching surfaces and your face.
- **Recycle Bulletins.** Please do not leave bulletins in the pews. A recycle bin is available at each exit. You may also take the bulletin home.

Opening Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye made blind by sin
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Children's Focus

Kid's Club and Youth Dismissal

The Reading of Scripture

First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Psalm 19

Refrain:



The words of the Lord are spir - it and life.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. **Refrain.**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **Refrain.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **Refrain.**

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine, figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional – Wonderful Words of Life

Beautiful words, wonderful words

Beautiful words, wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

Wonderful words of life

The Gospel Reading

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of

Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Worship Through Song

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me

Wonderful words of life

Let me more of their beauty see

Wonderful words of life

Words of life and beauty

Teach me faith and duty

(Chorus)

Beautiful words, wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

Beautiful words, wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all

Wonderful words of life

Sinner list to the loving call

Wonderful words of life

All so freely given

Wooing us to Heaven *(To Chorus)*

Sweetly echo the gospel call

Wonderful words of life

Offer pardon and peace to all

Wonderful words of life

Jesus, only Saviour

Sanctify forever *(To Chorus)*

Breathe

This is the air I breathe

This is the air I breathe

Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread

This is my daily bread

Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You

And I, I'm lost without You

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

(Chorus) He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (*To Chorus*)

For my life, He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last (*To Chorus*)

And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

Listening Time

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Myron B. Penner – Sermon Notes:

Affirmation of Faith – Abundance

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing. We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us. We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." Remembering today from the St. Paul's Cycle of prayer: Dan, Natalie, Joelle, Maara, and Abigail Lowe; Edwin and Elvie Exconde; Patience Oduro; and Doreen Sullivan; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and for the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
All: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silent Confession

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
All: **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 neighbours 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.**
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Offertory Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me
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Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

(Chorus) Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside (To Chorus)

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Holy God,
All: accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; today you have gathered us together in this eucharistic feast, that we may be renewed in love, joy, and peace. Now with all creation we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.
All: (*Sung*) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.” Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: **(Sung) 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.**

Celebrant: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant: “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Please listen carefully to the verbal instructions given. You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest.

Lamb of God

(*Sung*) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and grant us thy peace.

Communion Music

Do This in Memory of Me

I am the bread of life
All who believe in Me
Will have eternal life
I am the bread of life
Come down from heaven
So that all who eat this bread
Will never die

(*Chorus*) Take the living bread of life
Take the cup of sacrifice
Do this in memory of Me
Take the body and the blood
Given freely out of love
Do this in memory of Me
Do this in memory of Me

I am the bread of life
Whoever comes to Me
Will not hunger again
I am the bread of life
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draws them
Near to Him (*To Chorus*)

Amen, I say to you
Unless you eat the flesh
Of the Son of Man and drink His blood
You shall not have life
All who will eat My flesh
And drink my blood will have eternal life
And I will raise them up again
(*To Chorus*)

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of peace,
All: **in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the
courage to forgive. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,
All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and
in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Congregational Announcements (Michelle S.)

Closing Song: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing	With praise and thanksgiving
Our true faith confessing	To God ever-living
The people of God	The tasks of our everyday
From this dwelling take leave	Life we will face
The supper is ended,	Our faith ever sharing
O now be extended	In love ever caring
The fruits of this service	Embracing God's children
In all who believe	Of each tribe and race
The seed of Christ's teaching	With your feast you feed us
Receptive souls reaching	With your light now lead us
Shall blossom in action	Unite us as one
For God and for all	In this life that we share
God's grace did invite us	Then may all the living
God's love shall unite us	With praise and thanksgiving
To work for the kingdom	Give honour to Christ
And answer its call	And that name that we bear

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Community Corner for September 12

The **St. Paul's Community Block Party** is planned for October 3, 2021 from 1-4PM. It will be a great time of fun activities and games, food trucks, live music, and much more. We are looking for help with this event too, both on the day of and in advance.

Please see the sign in the hallway for more information and to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE: It's a long way off, but we have already confirmed our **St. Paul's Church Retreat for May 13-15, 2022!** Please mark it on your calendar so you are sure to be there.

September 26, 2021 is **Orange Shirt Day** in recognition that Every Child Matters, referring especially to those impacted by residential schools. Please wear orange to church. September 30 is the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. Please visit this list of 150 Acts of Reconciliation for ideas of how you can incorporate reconciliation into your life. <http://activehistory.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/150acts-1.pdf>

Kid's Club Starts Today!!

Kids Club (previously "Children's Ministry" and "Sunday School") is for kids in Kindergarten to Grade 6. We get together every Sunday morning during the service to talk together, learn stories from the Bible, and do crafts and activities. We also have a few fun events together throughout the year. More information to follow soon!

Youth is In-Session

Youth Group is for those in Grades 7 to 12. Led by our Youth Director, Abbi Harding, the youth meet most Sunday mornings during the service. There is a calendar already available for other activities that are planned for the upcoming year.

St. Paul's Amazing Race – September 12-18

We invite you to take part in our very own Amazing Race, which will run between September 12-18. More information will be provided today during the Fall Kick Off!

Reach Grant

New REACH Fund Grant – For more information about the grant and to apply, please visit the link in the Community Corner in this week's email. You can also contact Michelle directly at michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca

St. Paul's is Recruiting Service Team Volunteers!!

If you are not currently part of a service team at St. Paul's, it is a great way to get involved and get to know people. The service team members read the readings, take the offering, serve as greeters, and help with coffee cleanup the weeks they are scheduled (6-week rotation). We would love to add a person or two to a couple of the teams as we enter the new school year so if you would like to get involved in this way, please contact the office or talk to RJ any time you see him.

Support Wendell and Ratanak International – Ride for Refuge

As a team event, Wendell and his workplace has arranged for a group of cyclists to participate in Ride for Refuge on October 2. They will be raising funds for Ratanak International. Many at St. Paul's are aware of the important work Ratanak is doing to free exploited Cambodians. If anyone would like to support this work, please visit Wendell's team site and support any of the riders who have not yet achieved their fundraising targets. <https://rideforrefuge.org/search?q=epcor+cycle+breakers>

Leadership Training and Discipleship at Gull Lake Centre

This summer, Macreena and Nathaniel Schurek attended the Leadership Training and Discipleship (LTD) program at Gull Lake Centre. This program is one of two main priorities at the centre (the other being summer camps). LTD is a three-year, experiential learning program for High School students. Macreena is in year 1 and Nathaniel is finishing off year 3. During the three years, they are taught about leadership with focuses upon personal development, social justice, evangelism, communication, and teamwork through experiences in spiritual formation, cabin leading, inner-city service, mountain hiking, and more. The program exists to disciple students to encounter God as life-long, transformed participants in the Kingdom. They are both grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and financial support they have received from St. Paul's, and will be available to talk to after church. For more information, please visit
<https://gulllakecentre.ca/about/> and <https://gulllakecentre.ca/ltd/>

Book Sale During Block Party

We are organizing a Book Sale to run during the Block Party on October 3 and are looking for your help. Please drop off any gently used books you no longer need/want to the church in the next few weeks. Donations will be accepted up until October 2. Please bring the books in a cardboard box (no bags). Thank you!

This Week's Ministry Teams:
Music/Sound: Jodi's Team/Asher
Service Team: Green and Friends
Prayers: Michelle S.; Vestry: Michelle S.
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:
Dan, Natalie, Joelle, Maara,
and Abigail Lowe;
Edwin and Elvie Exconde;
Patience Oduro;
Doreen Sullivan

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh: the Rt. Rev. Lydia M., Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry B., Suffragan Bishop for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission. The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Michael R. (s. Cora); John R. (s. Elizabeth); Doreen S.; Nancy S.; Susan S.; Allan S. (s. Betty); Michael S. (s. Agnes); Jacques de V. (s. Bobbi); Dan Van A. (s. Carolyn Skinner); Robin W. (s. Joanne); Linda W. (s. Jim); Anne W. (s. Peter); Mary Charlotte W.; Robert W.; Michael W. (s. Janet). Buyé Diocese, Canika Parish: Evariste N., Rector. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams:
Music/Sound: Andrew's Team/Dave L.
Service Team: Parker Team
Prayers: Kjeryn A.; Vestry: David P.
Chapel Prayer: Laurier, Barb, and Kjeryn

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