



**Order of Service for September 7, 2025**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.**

**Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling**



**St. Paul's  
Anglican Church**  
*Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace*



**Jeremiah 18:6**

**Just like  
the clay  
in the  
potter's hand,  
so are you  
in my hand,  
O house of  
Israel**

**Pre-Service Music:** Shout to the North (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Processional Hymn** CP # 486 Love Divine (screens)

**Greeting**..... p 185 (Book of Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

**The Collect for Purity**..... p. 185 (screens)

**Glory to God**..... p. 186 (screens)

**Kyrie Eleison**..... p. 186 (screens)

**Collect of the Day**..... p. 378 (screens)

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**The First Reading**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**JEREMIAH 18:1-11**

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17**.... p. 896 (screens)

**The Epistle Reading**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO PHILEMON**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

**PHILEMON 1-21**

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** CP # 500 Sister Let Me Be Your  
Servant (screens)

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also, with you.*

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Alleluia (sung)

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

**LUKE 14:25-33**

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Alleluia (sung)

### **Homily**

**The Apostle's Creed** . . . . . p. 189 (screens)

**The Prayers of the People** (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

**Confession and Absolution** . . . p. 191 (screens)

**The Peace** . . . p. 192 (screens)

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of  
God (screens)

**Prayer over the Gifts.** . . . . p. 379 (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer # 1....** p. 193 (screens)

**The Lord's Prayer** form 1. .... p. 211 (screens)

**The Breaking of the Bread,** Form 2. ... p. 212  
(screens)

**Agnus Dei** (screens)

**The Communion** . . . . . p. 213 (screens)

**Communion Hymns** (screens):

Worthy is the Lamb  
Prayer of St. Francis  
Jesus, Name Above All Names

**Hymn after Communion** (Please stand) Worship  
the Lord (screens)

**Prayer after Communion.** . . . . . p. 379 (screens)

**Doxology** . . . . . p. 214 (screens)

**The Blessing**

**Announcements** (screens)

**Closing Hymn:** CP # 438 O Jesus I Have  
Promised (screens)

**Sending**

You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the  
Service, in the Hall.

### **Traditional Land Acknowledgement**

**Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.**

## Prayers for this Week

*(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.***

**Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle:** In the Anglican Church, we ***pray for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry*** and in the Lutheran church we pray for ***Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod.*** TOGETHER ***for the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, ***we pray St. Augustine, Lethbridge*** and their clergy ***The Rev. Steve Bateman, The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge and The Rev. Canon Allan McCuaig (Hon.)*** We also pray for ***University Chaplaincies, The Rev. Dr. Carmen Maier (U of C), The Rev. Canon Erin Phillips (U of L) and our local post-secondary institutions.*** We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

**In our Parish Cycle,** we pray today for Kyle; Bill; Peter; Cerreline; Audrey; Guy, Margaret, Geoffrey, Daniel; Ian, Donna; Twylia, Owen, Kiera, Gavin, Linton; Chukwudum, Chinwe, Chukwunazam, Chukwunyelu; Chinazor, Malume, Amanda, Nma; Uchechi, Chinyelu, Chetanna, Chikaima; Sean, Laura, Declan, Aisling, Caitlin and for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, and Cyril Haynes and their families.

**We pray for the special child** our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

**Heavenly Father,** giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Stuart; Jacqueline; Jeff; Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Verna; Bob & Joanne; Margaret; Marlene; Michael; Scott & M'Laurel; Valma; Kerin; Shane, Obiageli Gloria.

**For those grieving: Lisa & family; Joan & family; Doreen & family; Paul & family; Dinah & family; Gloria & family; the family of Ken Prevost; Debra & family; Rick & family, the family of Janet; Tracy & family; Gina & family; Pat & family. We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

**We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil** by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

**We pray for** the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

**We pray for** forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

**We pray for** peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



The flowers on the altar are given  
to the glory of our risen Lord