

ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, September 14, 2025: 14th Sunday After Pentecost

There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

VISITING TODAY?

We want to get to know you! Please join us in the Hall for coffee and conversation after the service. The greeters are available to answer any of your questions. Please fill out a welcome card in the back of the pew and put it in the offering basket, or give to any volunteer, staff, or vestry member.



ABOUT ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

Services:

- Eucharist services: Sundays at 10:00AM
- Morning & Evening Prayer Services:
 Mon-Sat at 8:00AM on Zoom
 Mon-Sun at 9:15PM on Zoom.
- Sermons are available on our Website
- We also have small groups

Office Hours:

- Tues. & Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Office is closed: Fri-Sun (and Holidays)

Serving St. Paul's: Email office@stpauls-anglican.ca

• Join a Ministry Team (Service Team, Music, Altar Guild, Sound/Video, etc.)

Giving to St. Paul's: One-Time or Recurring

- <u>Giving</u> can be done with Cash, Cheque, Automatic Debit/Credit, or E-Transfer to <u>office@stpauls-anglican.ca</u>
- We can also receive donations through our <u>Website</u> or the <u>Tithely App</u>.

PRAYER

For the Prayer Chain, email or phone: prayer@stpauls-anglican.ca – 780-455-0771

For pastoral emergencies call: (780) 446-3751

ACCESSIBILITY

We have accessible washrooms and lifts available for anyone who needs them. If you need help, please speak to a greeter.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE ©

Holy Bible

LARGE PRINT MATERIALS

Large print Bibles and BAS (Book of Alternative Services) are available at the main door.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES



Assisted Listening is available. Please ask a greeter for assistance.





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Our Narrative Statement of Identity: We love to be together, persevere, and practice the ways of Jesus together. Even though we're at different places on our journey, we share a guiding story as given through the Bible, and we all look for Jesus in each other and in the world we live in. We share faith, we share music, we share differences, and above all we share God's love of us in Jesus. We all give, we all receive. We are a diverse family who laughs, cries, and prays together, and is learning how to love and care for each other. Our greatest ambition is to share this love with everyone around us – in our neighbourhoods and around the world.

Opening Song: The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

(Chorus) 0 the wonderful cross 0 the wonderful cross

(Ch. Cont.) Bids me come and die And find that I may truly live

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross

All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small

Love so amazing so divine

Demands my soul my life my all (To Ch.)

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: (BAS pg. 185) 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: (pg. 380) 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 & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Lectionary Reflections

The Proclamation of the Word $(\leftarrow Click to read online)$

Numbers 21:4b-9 (pg. 111 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-6 (Refrain is sung together)



Sing to the Lord a new song, For he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm Has he won for himself the victory.



The Lord has made known his victory;

His righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,

And all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord,

All you lands;

Lift up your voice,

Rejoice, and sing.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 (pg. 807 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Proclamation: Alleluia

Alleluia, Allelu

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 John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17 (pg. 752 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

Lead Me To The Cross
Saviour I come quiet my soul

(Chorus) Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out

Remember Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down

Redemption's hill

Rid me of myself, I belong to You

Where Your blood was spilled.

Oh lead me lead me to the grees.

Where Your blood was spilled Oh lead me, lead me to the cross For my ransom

You were as I tempted and tried, human

(*Pre-Chorus*) Ev'rything I once held dear The word became flesh, bore my sin in death

I count it all as loss Now You're risen (To Pre-Ch.)

Beneath The Cross Of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus For hands that should discard me

I find a place to stand Hold wounds which tell me come

And wonder at such mercy

That calls me as I am

Beneath the cross of Jesus

My unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own

Once strangers chasing selfish dreams

Now one through grace alone How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God Beneath the cross of Jesus The path before the crown We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

Listening Time

(A page for notes is available separately) Sermon: Rev. Eric Kregel

Affirmation of Faith: Christ Accompanies Us Let us affirm our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed. We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering. We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains us, and guides us and empowers us as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(See BAS pgs. 110-123)

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

(pg. 168) Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. May God, who enlightens every heart, help you to confess your sins and trust in his mercy.

Let us now confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silent Confession

Celebrant: Have mercy upon us,

All:

most merciful Father; in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

All: Amen. The Peace

Celebrant: (pg. 192) The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory: Praising Emmanuel (Sung in the Karen language)

Praising Emmanuel Lord Raising our hands and praising

Singing your holy name To King Jesus

Raising your glory's presence

We will sing Hallelujah

Praising you in one heart

The Lord, filled with dignity

Singing to lift up your glory

May your name be praised

His power flows eternally Eternally praising you.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: (pg. 380) 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.

Celebrant: (pg. 201) The Lord be with you. (Eucharistic Prayer #4)

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the

universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us

with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust ... By his death he opened to

us the way of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: (pg. 202) Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with

prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their

unending hymn:

All: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy are you Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and

earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: (pg. 202) Blessed are you, Lord our God ... this is my body which is given for

you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way ... "Whenever you

drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: (pg. 203) Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son.....that we who eat

and drink at this holy table may share in the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit ... through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour

and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: (pg. 211) As our Saviour taught us, let us pray as we sing,

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: (pg. 212) Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,

whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

(Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receiving only one kind includes the fullness of the sacrament. You may also receive prayer in the Chapel during this time.

Communion Music

Special Piano Music

Once Again

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice You became nothing, poured out to death Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life

And I'm in that place once again

I'm in that place once again

(Chorus) Once again

I look upon the cross where You died

I'm humbled by Your mercy

And I'm broken inside

Once again I thank You

Once again I pour out my life

Now You are exalted to the highest place King of the heavens where one day I'll bow But for now I marvel at this saving grace And I'm full of praise once again I'm full of praise once again (*To Ch.*)

Thank You for the cross Thank You for the cross

Thank You for the cross my Friend

(Repeat, then to Ch.)

Prayers After Communion

Celebrant: (pg. 381) 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: (pg. 214) 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

Lectionary Discussion (Please share aloud your thoughts from hearing the Word of God)

Moment in Missions

Congregational Announcements (Nancy W-S.)

Closing Song: Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour

Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

The wonders of Your mighty love My comfort, my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath all that I am

Never cease to worship You

(Chorus) Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have

In You.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: (pg. 215) Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Please join us for a **potluck** in the Hall after the service! (see announcement below)

Fall Parish Potluck – This Sunday!

Each September St. Paul's gathers around food to as a way to mark the beginning of the Fall term and kick start our activities and programs. This year, we are excited to be joined by the **CFF Church** (the Burmese church who meets in our building on Sunday afternoons). After the service we will all gather for a **Potluck**. Please join us!

We would like some help with the clean up after the potluck (including in the dishpit), as well as getting the hall set up. Please arrive around 9am to help with set up, and/or plan to stay after to make sure the kitchen and hall are clean. You can also email Michelle at michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca with any questions, and to let her know you are able to help.

Community Corner Highlights

Michelle Schurek is our Community Outreach Facilitator, and part of her work is supporting parishioners in their efforts to have events. To help with outlining the critical details needed to run an event, we've created an "Event One-Pager" for event leaders to fill in. This page helps create an outline of critical details needed to run an event. There are great ideas floating around our parish for special events, and this page is a good tool for exploring possibilities. You can talk with Michelle about your ideas by emailing her at michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca.

The next **FREE Community Dinner** at St Paul's is happening **Saturday, September 27.** Doors open at 4:30 and dinner is served at 5:00. We are planning an Indigenous-themed meal! Please come and enjoy a delicious meal and good conversation with other guests. You are also welcome to volunteer by signing up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAF28A5FCC70-58250223-september. Come for dinner and bring your friends!

Mental Health Highlight

Grief and loss are topics that can be difficult to talk about. One type of grief that we experience in our lives is called **Disenfranchised Grief**, which is experienced with losses that are not acknowledged by the wider culture or the circles of family, friends, neighbours and coworkers we inhabit. Unrecognized relationships, the loss of jobs or pets, an inability to have children, or other losses that are thought of as "less significant" can cause deep and lasting sorrow. The article "**Disenfranchised Grief: When No One Seems to Understand Your Loss**" by Crystal Raypole offers examples, symptoms, and supports at www.healthline.com/health/mental-health/disenfranchised-grief.

Reconciliation Awareness Highlight

As we approach September 30, 2025, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, please take some time to learn more about the Indigenous People of Turtle Island, including Inuit, First Nations, and Metis. Next week, from Sept 22-26, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation is hosting daily, on-line lunch-and-learns (11:00-11:50am MST), as part of their Truth and Reconciliation Week 2025. Topics include health related impacts of the residential school system, allyship and confronting unconscious bias, Indigenous identity fraud, and more. Registration is encouraged. Please visit https://trw-svr.nctr.ca/lunch-and-learns/ to register.

Safe Church Highlight

Respecting personal & professional boundaries is essential for building trust, fostering healthy relationships, and protecting individual well-being. For example, there are boundaries in sports, such as the outline of the playing field and the rules of which actions are considered acceptable or not. Likewise, there are many types of boundaries in our lives - spiritual, emotional, sexual, financial, relational and physical, to name a few. The Safe Church guidelines outline the expectation that personal boundaries are to be respected, and that vulnerable people's boundaries are to be protected by the rest of the community.

Kid's Church!

On **September 28th**, we are excited to have children's programming during our Sunday service. The programming will be led by our youth and supervised Safe Church-screened adults. We are unfortunately unable to have ongoing Sunday programming for kids, so we are grateful for this event from our youth. Please plan to bring your (grand)children with you!

New Piano

We are excited that our new Yamaha C-3 baby grand piano is now here! This piano (and its repairs and installation) cost approximately \$15,000, though our technician indicated that this piano in good condition would be worth much more than that. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please mark any donations with "piano".

Chess and Chocolate

We would like to invite you to a time fun and fellowship on **September 21**, after the service at Ch. Café, where you can play chess, drink coffee, and eat chocolate. All ages and skill levels welcome, including people would like to learn. Please contact Dave P. for details.

Windswept Meditation: Snuggle

"Nothing says love like a quilt." Grambo Beth Robertson You are invited to bring a favorite quilt and find rest in the love of God. Meditative music by Doug P. and Natalie B. It will be at 7pm on September 22^{nd} at St Paul's.

Consecration of St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Church

Please join Bishop Stephen London and the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton for the consecration of St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Church, which is the other parish that Rev. Eric works at. They have been working and praying for this for many years, and we are very excited for them! The service will be on Saturday, October 4, 10 am, at 6210 188 St NW, Edmonton. All are welcome!

Garment Services

Robin M. (Adele's daughter) is offering her services for hemming and adjusting clothing. Fall Wardrobe needing some adjustment? Want to save time? Garments can be marked for hemming, etc. after Sunday services, and then returned to you the following Sunday. Need a rush job on that pair of pants? I can bring my sewing machine to you and hem on site. I am currently a fashion & design college student looking for small jobs in repair & renewals, alterations, and restyling & resizing. Connect with Robin to see examples of her work and her reasonable rates at EMAIL or TEXT.

New Rector

We are excited to share that Bishop London is appointing the Rev. Andrew (Wally) Cox as our new Rector of St. Paul's, effective April 1, 2026.

Synod Scene

Read our Diocese's Synod Scene newsletter at www.edmonton.anglican.ca/newsletters/latest.

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound/Tech:
Chambers/Chandra/Yohana
Service Team: Green & Friends Team
Prayers of the People: Gay G.
Vestry-on-Duty/Announcements: Nancy W-S.
Chapel Prayer: Kjeryn and Joan.

Next Week Teams: September 21st

Music/Sound/Tech: Andrew/John/Jacky
Service Team: Parker Team
Prayers of the People: Terry B.
Vestry-on-Duty/Announcements: Michelle S.
Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora.

St. Paul's Staff

Pulpit Fill: Rev. Dr. Eric Kregel
Community Facilitator: Michelle Schurek
Office Administrator: Asher Hebert

Cycle of Prayer for St. Paul's

Adele Bosse-Morgan (Jordan, Paige, Jaque, Robin) Laurance Hill Elmo Leander

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Diocese of Rupert's Land: the Rev. Naboth Manzongo, Bishop-elect. Clergy widows and widowers of the Diocese of Edmonton (A-He): Barbara Ash, Pat Bergstrom, Marg Bonertz, Carol Canton, Beth-Anne Exham, Kathleen Gale, Ruth Guse, Shirley Hanes, Florence Hattersley, Lois Heritage. Buyé Diocese, Nyamabuye Parish: Serges Rwasa, Rector. Alexander First Nation.

St. Paul's Vestry

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Rector's Warden: Paul Dowie People's Warden: Gay Gering Parish Treasurer: David Heritage

Vestry Members: Debbie Liska, Jim Egeto, and Nancy Whistance-Smith.





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