



St. Paul's

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 16)

Sunday, August 23, 2026

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES, MUSIC, AND HYMNS

To fully participate in the service, you will need this bulletin, and the Liturgy Booklet given to you as you entered. Unless included here, all hymns are in the blue hymnals in the pews.

Prelude	Little Prelude #4 in F Major	circle of J.S. Bach
Hymn in Procession #518	Christ is made the sure foundation	Westminster Abbey
First Reading	<i>see scripture insert</i>	Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138	<i>see scripture insert</i>	Confitebor tibi
Second Reading	<i>see scripture insert</i>	Romans 12:1-8
Sequence Hymn #513	Like the murmur of the dove's song	Bridegroom
Gospel	<i>see scripture insert</i>	Matthew 16:13-20
Offertory Hymn #521	Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might	Chelsea Square
Communion Hymn #707	Take my life and let it be	Hollingside
Hymn in Procession (included)	Lord, you give the great commission	Abbot's Leigh
Postlude	Little Fugue #4 in F Major	circle of J.S. Bach

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev'd David Sibley

Deacon

The Rev'd Ann Howard

Director of Music

Kraig Scott

Altar Guild

Sarah Bro

Ellen Anderson

Flower Guild

Kathryn Barron

Digital Verger

Chad Bro

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am—Ken Norris

10:30am—Missy Newcom,

Katherine Nordal

Lectors

8:00am—Susan Baker, Laura

Norris

10:30am—Sarah Bro, Suzanne

Towery, Bill Howard

Greeter/Welcome Team

8:00am—Kathryn Barron

10:30am—Sandi Blackaby, Roy

Fanning

Coffee Hour

8:00am—

10:30am—Jim and Terri Cotts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee Hour is the perfect time to meet with other parishioners and learn more about our community. Please sign up with a friend. Sign up sheets for July, August, and September are posted in the atrium for both 8:00am and 10:30am services. If you are interested in learning more about hosting, please contact Jen at 206.200.1094 or email jennifer.h.king@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed for September!

Altar Flowers

If you have flowers or bushes in bloom, please don't hesitate to offer them to Flower Guild to enhance the altar bouquets.

Many weeks remain during the summer months for you to make a memorial/thanksgiving gift. Your donation of \$65 helps us give honor to God's glorious creation with beauty during our worship together. Call the church office and they can explain the process.

As a reminder, office hours have now changed from 10am to 2pm to 9:30am to 1:30pm. If you need office access outside of those hours, please contact the Parish Office at 509-529-1083 or nathanm@stpaulsw.org.

Fifth Sunday Single Service and Potluck

There will be a single service at 9:45 AM on Sunday August 30, followed by a potluck brunch in Campbell Hall. Please bring your favorite brunch dish to share! The church will provide iced tea, lemonade, and coffee.



One and Done for Food Safety

In order to minimize the risk of food borne illnesses and to protect against cross-contamination the Hospitality Guild has created a "no leftovers" rule.

Any food or beverage item that has been set out on the serving table and not consumed has to be taken home, given away, or thrown out. This includes chips, crackers, cookies, salsas, dips, and pitchers of juice.

If you are hosting coffee hour, set out smaller amounts of cookies, chips, and crackers and replenish as needed. If you serve juice, set out one pitcher at a time. There are take-home containers for leftovers available in the pantry.

Stewardship in Action

A small, quiet ministry, our Altar Guild prepares the elements of our common worship. Jody Schneidmiller, Sandi Blackaby, Missy Newcom, Sarah Bro, and Ellen Anderson, working in teams of two, set up for each service. They prepare the bread (including gluten free wafers) and wine for each Communion service and set in place the Gospel book, microphone and offering plates. Guardians of our reserved sacrament in the Aumbry (the cabinet behind the altar where consecrated wine and bread are held), they prepare the elements for kits for home communion and services at Wheatland. After each service, they carefully clean all vessels and linens used for communion in the sacarium (the specially plumbed sink in the sacristy draining directly into the earth for reverent disposal of consecrated wine or bread). Their gifts of time and experience enhance all of our devotion. Thank you Altar Guild.

Fall Small Groups: Practicing the Way

As we enter fall, small groups come often come back from their summer hiatus! This fall, our suggested read is Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer. We are constantly being formed by the world around us. To be formed by Jesus will require us to become his apprentice. To live by what the first Christian disciples called a Rule of Life—a set of practices and relational rhythms that slow us down and open up space in our daily lives for God to do what only God can do—transforms the deepest parts of us to become like him.

Practicing the Way is readily available at Bookshop.org, Amazon.com, and other booksellers. In addition, we recommend the Practicing the Way Course Companion Guide - which breaks the book into small group sessions over 8 weeks and provides ways to think and pray over your discussions.

We're excited for small groups to continue this fall! If you want to be connected to a small group, please contact Fr. David.

Confirmation and Reception This Fall

Bishop Gretchen will be visiting St. Paul's on Sunday, October 11 at both services. With the Bishop's visit comes the opportunity to receive the rites of Confirmation and Reception.

Confirmation is the rite in which one expresses a mature commitment to Christ.

Reception is the rite in which baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop.

If you are curious about either Confirmation or Reception, or wish to receive the rites when the Bishop comes in September, please reach out to Fr. David at coffee hour, or via email at davids@stpaulswv.org.

St. Paul's Scholarships

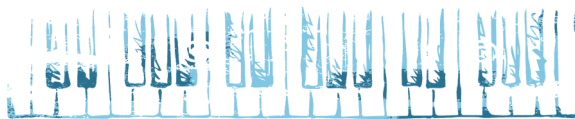
As scholarships go out for the upcoming school year, it's important to hear from the students your offerings are helping attend college. Lucia Faba is attending Western Washington University and offered the following testimony:

"The St. Paul's Higher Education Scholarship has been extremely important in supporting my education at Western Washington University! I'm going into my fourth year studying Studio Art, with minors in Museum Studies and Art History, with the goal of working in museum collections or art education after graduation. Growing up with my parents both working in public education made me want to help foster learning and growth in the same ways they do, and my degree will help me to do just that! This scholarship has been a valuable and dependable way to help take some of the financial burden of university off of my family and myself.

Thank you!"

Up next on First Thursday

Join on September 3, 2026 from 12:15 - 12:45 pm, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 323 Catherine Street, Walla Walla WA, for a free concert entitled "Now and Then... Music to Remember." Returning First Thursday pianist Jan Roberts will present a delightful musical journey from Broadway and Hollywood to Disney and popular music, featuring beloved favorites and memorable melodies. Free will offerings to benefit Gospel Outreach. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy!



St. Paul's Transition - Key Dates to Save

As Fr. David, Em, and Nora conclude their time at St. Paul's and prepare to begin a new call as Bishop of Lexington, we know people will want more information about upcoming events. We'll keep you informed! But for now, here are the key dates you should save or know:

Sunday, October 11 -

Bishop Gretchen's Visitation
and Fr. David's last Sunday

*With Confirmations/Receptions by the Bishop,
and marking the Ending of a Pastoral
Relationship*

Saturday, January 23, 7 am PT -

Ordination at Christ Church
Cathedral, Lexington, KY

*Pending consents of bishops and
standing committees*

St Paul's Prayer List

Bill, John, Greg, Terry, Bill, Sandy, Lisa, Evelyne, Stella, Cooper, Branan, Barbara, Bob, Gary, Bishop Gretchen, Cindy, Jeremy, Joel, Sabrina, Bonnie, Rich, Tracey, Chad, Craig, Ann, Krista, Cindylee, Joel, Steve, Ellane, Laurence, Larry, Carol, Marsha, Nadine, Kora, Kally, Peter, Brian, ...

As we worship, we pray each week for the names that are on our Parish Prayer List—if you have names you would like to add, please contact the Parish Office (509/529-1083 or stpauls@stpaulswv.org).

Is this your first service at St. Paul's? Please take a moment to fill out a yellow visitor card. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so that we may continue our welcome.

ONGOING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Centering Prayer at St. Paul's

Saturdays, 8:00-9:00am, Library

Join us for weekly Centering Prayer on Saturday mornings in the Library. All are welcome regardless of prior experience with a silent prayer practice. Please call or email Cecilia McKean with any questions at 509.240.2494 or ceciliamckean@gmail.com

Men's Propers

Wednesdays, 8:00-9:30am, Guild Room

Join men of St. Paul's for Men's Propers for weekly fellowship, continental breakfast, and a study of the collect and lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

Betty's Basket

Betty's Baskets collect travel sized toiletries (such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, lotion, etc.) to donate to the Christian Aid Center and those in need of these basic hygiene essentials. Betty's Baskets are located in the narthex and the mailroom and is a small way to help others that is greatly appreciated.

Salvation Army Food Bank Donations

Donations Welcome! If you would like to make food and pantry donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank, there is a collection cooler in the atrium and a collection box in the mailroom. Thank you!

ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship

8am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist

Choir Rehearsal

9am, Choir Room

Sunday Night Big Book AA

Sundays, 8pm, Guild Room

Women's AA

Mondays, 6pm, Guild Room
2nd Monday Planning meeting,
5:15pm, Campbell Hall

Cub Scouts

Mondays, 6:30pm
throughout campus

Language of the Heart AA

Tuesdays & Thursdays
12pm-1pm, Guild Room

Scouts

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Lower Hall

Men's Propers

Wednesdays, 8am, Guild Room

Small Group (Renovaré)

Wednesdays, 1:30pm, Library

Centering Prayer

Saturdays, 8am, Library

Experience Strength and Hope Al-Anon

Saturdays, 9am, Guild Room

Saturday Noon AA

Saturdays, 12pm, Guild Room

Saturdays Evening AA

Saturdays, 7pm, Guild Room

MONTHLY EVENTS

Vestry Meeting

(3rd Wednesday of the month)
Wednesday, August 19
7pm, Guild Room

Wheatland Eucharist

(1st and 3rd Thursday of the month)
Thursday, August 20
Thursday, September 3
11am @ Wheatland Village

The Benedictine Way

(2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)
Thursday, August 27
Thursday, September 10
2pm, Guild Room

Hospitality and Welcome Guild Meeting

(3rd Thursday of the month)
Thursday, August 20
1pm, Library

Spiritual Growth and

Outreach Guild Meeting

(4th Thursday of the month)
Thursday, August 27
12p, Library

Stewardship and Finance Guild Meeting

(3rd Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, August 18
4pm, Guild Room

St. Paul's Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday
9:30am-1:30pm

Please feel free to reach out at
509/529.1083 or anytime via
email: Fr. David, Rector,
davids@stpaulswv.org

A reminder that a calendar of parish events is always available online at stpaulswv.org/calendar.