



# St. Paul's Anglican Church

The Anglican Archdiocese  
of North America

## Gazette

## Monthly



August 2025

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### *Parish News*

Father Aaron delivering his first sermon as a priest.



Aaron Schild his first time as an acolyte.



We celebrated Bp. George's Birthday with a cake.



## *August Birthdays*

12 Leeann Chen  
18 Robin Brooks

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## *August Anniversaries*

10 Phil Jones and Leeann Chen  
10 Jack and Mariann Littell

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## *Special Prayers*

Bp. George, Mary P., Bea C., Billy K.

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## *Calendar*

The following is the calendar for August, 2025.

Holy Communion is every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch Club at the VFW Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

**August**          **6** - The Transfiguration of Christ

**24** - St. Bartholomew the Apostle

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## *Special Services*

### **The Transfiguration of Christ**

In Anglican tradition, the Transfiguration of Christ is a profound moment that reveals Jesus' divine nature and serves as a bridge between Epiphany and Lent.



#### What Happened at the Transfiguration

According to the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9):

- Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain.
- He was transfigured before them—his face shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white.
- Moses and Elijah appeared, representing the Law and the Prophets.
- A cloud enveloped them, and a voice declared: "This is my beloved Son... listen to him."

This moment echoes Old Testament theophanies, especially Moses on Mount Sinai, and affirms Jesus as the fulfillment of both the Law and the Prophets.

Anglican Observance

Anglicans commemorate the Transfiguration in two ways:

- **August 6:** A fixed feast day in the liturgical calendar.
- **Last Sunday of Epiphany:** A movable observance that transitions into Lent, highlighting the shift from Christ's revealed glory to his path toward the cross.

### ✨ Theological Significance

- **Reveals the Trinity:** The Father speaks, the Son is transfigured, and the Spirit is symbolized by the cloud.
- **Foreshadows the Resurrection:** Jesus' radiant appearance hints at the glory to come.
- **Calls for Transformation:** The collect for the day prays that we may be "changed into his likeness from glory to glory."

### 🎵 Hymns Often Sung

- *O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*
- *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*
- *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

These hymns reflect themes of light, glory, and divine revelation ([anglicancompass.com](http://anglicancompass.com))

## St. Bartholomew the Apostle

In Anglican tradition, **St. Bartholomew the Apostle** is honored as one of the Twelve and remembered for his steadfast faith, missionary zeal, and martyrdom.

### 17 Feast Day

- Celebrated on **August 24** in the Church of England and throughout the Anglican Communion.
- Marked as a **Festival**, with special readings and prayers in *Common Worship*.

### 👤 Identity and Biblical Mention

Often identified with **Nathanael** from the Gospel of John (John 1:43–51), who famously asked, "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*" before declaring Jesus as "*the Son of God*".

- Named in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) as Bartholomew, always paired with Philip.

### 🌍 Missionary Work and Martyrdom

- Tradition holds that he preached in **India, Armenia, Ethiopia, and Persia**.
- Martyred in **Armenia**, with accounts describing him being **flayed alive**, which is why he's the patron saint of **butchers, leather workers, and bookbinders**.

## Anglican Themes and Reflections

- His feast emphasizes **humble service**, echoing Jesus' teaching that "*he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve*" (Luke 22:26).

Anglican liturgy prays that we may "love what he believed and proclaim what he taught".

## Artistic Depictions

- Frequently shown holding a **flaying knife** or his own skin, as in Michelangelo's *Last Judgment*.
- Rembrandt's portrait captures him in contemplative pose, gazing beyond suffering toward the mission field. (anglicanway.org)

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# *The Book of Common Prayer*

## *The Litany*

In Anglican tradition, **the Litany**—especially *The Great Litany*—is one of the oldest and most solemn forms of intercessory prayer, tracing its roots to the early Church and formalized in English by **Thomas Cranmer in 1544**.

## What Is the Great Litany?

- A **series of petitions** offered by the officiant, with fixed responses from the congregation.
- Begins with invocations to the **Trinity**, followed by pleas for deliverance from sin, calamity, and spiritual harm.
- Includes intercessions for the Church, the world, leaders, the suffering, and the departed.
- Concludes with the **Agnus Dei**, **Kyrie eleison**, the **Lord's Prayer**, and a final collect.

## Historical Significance

Cranmer's version drew from the **Sarum rite**, **Eastern Orthodox liturgies**, and even a Latin litany by **Martin Luther**.

- Originally used in **processions** during times of war and national crisis under Henry VIII.
- Became the first English-language rite in the Book of Common Prayer.



## When Is It Used?

- Especially appropriate on:
  - **First Sunday of Advent**
  - **First Sunday in Lent**
  - **Rogation Days**
  - **Days of fasting or national concern**

May be said or sung, **kneeling, standing, or in procession**, and often precedes the Eucharist.



## Tone and Purpose

- Deeply **penitential**, invoking God's mercy and protection.
  - Designed to be **comprehensive**, covering every aspect of human need and divine grace.
  - Can be paired with **The Supplication**, a shorter litany used in times of war or disaster.  
(justus.anglican.org)
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# *Joke of the Month*

## Best Church Bulletin Bloopers

- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
- The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery down stairs.
- The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend the tragedy.
- The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

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The Book of Common Prayer has a wonderful lectionary for reading the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. The following are the readings for the month of August 2025.

## *Book of Common Prayer Readings*

August 1 Fri	I Sam 4:1b-11	Luke 12:35-48	Dan 3:8-18	Acts 21:37 - 22:16
Sat	Sam 4:12	Luke 12:49	Dan 3:19	Acts 22:17-29

### Seventh Sunday after Trinity - August 3

<1> Hosea 14	Rom 6:12-18	Dan 5:1-9, 13-30	Rom 1:17-21, 28-32
<2> Sir 6:5-17	John 15:12	Micah 7:14	Mark 8:1-21
<3> Gen 22:1-18	Heb 6	I Sam 17:1-11, 32, 40-50	Acts 11:19

Mon	I Sam 8:4	Luke 13:1-9	Dan 4:4-5, 10-18	Acts 22:30 - 23:11
Tue	I Sam 9:1-10	Luke 13:10-21	Dan 4:19-27	Acts 23:12-24
Wed	I Sam 9:11-21	Luke 13:22	Dan 4:28	Acts 23:25 - 24:9
Thu	I Sam 9:22	Luke 14:1-14	Dan 5:1-9	Acts 24:10-23
Fri	I Sam 10:1-11	Luke 14:15-24	Dan 5:10-16	Acts 24:24 - 25:12
Sat	I Sam 10:17	Luke 14:25	Dan 5:17-30	Acts 25:13

### Eighth Sunday after Trinity - August 10

<1> Sir 1:18-27	John 7:14-24	Sir 6:22	Luke 10:38
<2> Zech 4:1-10	Gal 3:24 - 4:7	Prov 11:24	Mark 7:15-21
<3> Gen 24:1-27	Eph 5:22	I Sam 26:1-7, 12-17, 21-25	Acts 12:1-17

Mon	I Sam 11:1-13	Luke 15:1-10	Dan 6:1-8	Acts 26:1-23
Tue	I Sam 11:14 - 12:5	Luke 15:11	Dan 6:9-15	Acts 26:24 - 27:8
Wed	I Sam 12:19	Luke 16:1-18	Dan 6:16-23, 25-27	Acts 27:9-26
Thu	I Sam 15:1-9	Luke 16:19	Esther 2:5-8, 17-23	Acts 27:27
Fri	I Sam 15:10-23	Luke 17:1-10	Esther 3:1-12	Acts 28:1-15
Sat	I Sam 15:24-34	Luke 17:11-19	Esther 4:1, 5-17	Acts 28:16

### Ninth Sunday after Trinity - August 17

<1> Ezek 14:1-11	I Thess 4:1-12	Prov 4:1-4, 20-27	Heb 12:1-13
<2> Wis 11:21 - 12:2	John 8:1-11	Lam 3:40-58	Luke 15:11
<3> Gen 28:10	II Cor 9	I Sam 31	Acts 13:1-3, 14-31, 38, 44-49

Mon	I Sam 16:1-13	Luke 17:20	Esther 5	Rom 1:1-17
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Tue	I Sam 16:14	Luke 18:1-14	Esther 6	Rom 2:1-16
Wed	I Sam 17:1-11	Luke 18:15-30	Esther 7	Rom 2:17
Thu	I Sam 17:17-27	Luke 18:31	Micah 1:1-7a	Rom 3:1-20
Fri	I Sam 17:28-40	Luke 19:1-10	Micah 2	Rom 3:21
Sat	I Sam 17:41-51	Luke 19:11-28	Micah 3:1-8	Rom 4:1-12

Tenth Sunday after Trinity - August 24

<1>	Sir 1:1-10	John 8:25-36	Isa 44:1-8, 21-23	Rom 12:1-9
<2>	Jer 26:1-7, 10-15	Matt 23:34	Lam 1:1-12	Luke 19:41
<3>	Gen 32:22-31	II Cor 4:7	II Sam 1:17	Acts 14:8

Mon	I Sam 18:1-9	Luke 19:29-40	Micah 4:1-8	Rom 4:13
Tue	I Sam 20:1-7, 12-23	Luke 19:47 - 20:8	Micah 4:9 - 5:1	Rom 5
Wed	I Sam 20:24-39	Luke 20:9-26	Micah 6:1-8	Rom 6
Thu	I Sam 22:6	Luke 20:27-40	Micah 6:9	Rom 7:1-13
Fri	I Sam 23:7-18	Luke 20:41 - 21:4	Micah 7:1-9	Rom 7:14
Sat	I Sam 28:3-19	Luke 21:5-19	Micah 7:14	Rom 8:1-17

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity - August 31

<1>	Isa 26:12-16, 19	Rom 8:26	Sir 35:10-19	Mark 12:38
<2>	Job 5:8-18	Matt 23:13-31	Qoh 5:1-7	Luke 18:9-14
<3>	Gen 37:3-4, 12-35	James 1:1-15	II Sam 7:18	Acts 15:1-21

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