Do you Cove me!

JOHN 21:16-17

St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles Sunday, June 29, 2025 Holy Communion 9:15 AM Hymns from With One Voice (blue book)

PRELUDEPastorale on "Thaxted"Charles CallahanOFFERINGMeditation on Colossians 3:15Brenda PortmanPOSTLUDEChrist is Made the Sure FoundationAaron David Miller

ENTRANCE HYMN #747 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

COMMUNION HYMN #737 There is a Balm in Gilead CLOSING HYMN #797 O God Beyond All Praising

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . . Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PSALM PSALM 87 Sung unaccompanied alternately Pulpit side/Font side



On the holy mountain stands the city | he has founded;*
the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwell- | ings of Jacob.

² Glorious things are spo- | ken of you,*

O city | of our God.

³ I count Egypt and Babylon among | those who know me;* behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion | were they born.

⁴ Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was | born in her,* and the Most High himself | shall sustain her."

⁵ The LORD will record as he en- | rolls the peoples,*

"These al- | so were born there."

⁶ The singers and the danc- | ers will say,*
"All my fresh springs | are in you."

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



There Is a Balm in Gilead





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION JUNE 29, 2025 PETER & PAUL

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs *A brief silence*.

(The prayer response God of grace, hear our prayer.)

Loving God, we pray for the church. As you raised up apostles like Peter and Paul, raise us up to share your life-giving gospel. Enrich the proclamation of bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth. As you rescued Paul from the lion's mouth, rescue your creation from harm. Sustain fragile ecosystems; watch over dwindling numbers of insects, birds, and fish; and open our hearts to regard the earth as a gift. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. As you bid Peter to feed your sheep, bid our leaders to feed all in need and work for their good. Make peace in places of conflict (*especially*), and bring justice to each community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer. As you stood by Paul and gave him strength, stand by all who know loneliness, and give strength to all who know persecution. Comfort those in grief and heal those who are sick (*especially*). Channel our restlessness into your work in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. As you freed Peter from prison, free us from lethargy and fear. Loose the chains of timidity and doubt, and teach us to pray fervently. Strengthen the ministry of prison chaplains. Help all who are incarcerated and their families to know of your wholeness and love.. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for Saints Peter and Paul and all who rest in your eternal mercy. As you reserved a crown of righteousness for Paul, reserve for us a place in your heavenly kingdom, and bring us to life that knows no end. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon-Thurs 8:00 am-3:30 pm

Sunday, June 29

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist—Life Stream

10:30 AM Summer Fellowship

6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Tuesday, July 1
9:30 AM Pantry
Friday, July 4
4th of July Office Closed
Sunday, July 6

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist—Life Stream

10:30 AM Summer Fellowship

6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm



The altar flowers are presented to God's glory and in thanksgiving for our 61st wedding anniversary by George and Janet Fitch



Vacation Bible School is the week of July 20 -24. Registration forms are in the June/July issue of *Our Church* and at the entrances to the church nave.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Bread Bakers	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
	 Tristan Ericson		 Moore	,	•	Deb Becker, Isa- bella Lehr

With One Voice Hymnal for summer—The blue worship book With One Voice has been placed in the pew along with a service folder containing the liturgy, texts and music to be used for much of the summer. Worshipers will locate the hymns in the blue book using the numbers printed in the weekly bulletin and placed on the hymn number boards at the front of the church nave. Worshipers will receive a weekly bulletin that will contain all needed weekly information. The readings will appear on the back cover just as they always do. You may take home the bulletin cover but please leave the service folders with the blue book to be used week after week.

The congregation approved the installation and of new doors for the Springettsbury Ave. entrance. Donations towards the expense can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a life event or in recognition of an accomplishment. Simply utilize a "Special" white color envelope in the pew rack, mark it "Doors" and include a desired sentiment. The list of contributors will be utilized when we have completed the project and have a dedication scheduled for mid-summer.

Fellowship Committee Needs Your Help for Summer Sunday Fellowship. We are looking for members who are willing to make a breakfast/brunch baked item or a vegetable or tray of fruit. There is a sign-up sheet on the stand by the office door in the Good Shepherd Room. Thanks to all for helping with the food for Summer Fellowship!

FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. 8The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."