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**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, 9:30 AM**

*As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.*

**We ask your prayers for:** Betty, Nevitt, James, Avery, Pamela, Connie, Linda, Shannon, Anne, Kim, Ella, and Diana.

**And for those serving** in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country:  
David Craddock, John Sampson, Isaac Maze, Brandon Wood, F. David Geesler,  
Dylan Ferguson, Brett Griffin, Joshua Elliott, R.J. DaPrato, Philip Pretzinger, Zachary Falter, and  
Isabel Steen Falter.

**See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**—St. Paul's, Logan; and Explorers, Postulants, Candidates for  
the Diaconate and Priesthood.

**The Altar Arrangements** are given to the Glory of God

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNING TODAY

Every Sunday Worship at both parishes

9:30am - St. Paul's Worship

8:45 am - Coffee and Fellowship

11:30am - St. Mark's Worship

10:30am - Education and Fellowship

SERVING TODAY - 9/21/25 - 9:30AM		SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - 9/28/25 - 9:30AM	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Paul T. Mary Ellen Foster	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Labrie Cathy Fain
<b>Chalice</b>	OPEN	<b>Chalice</b>	OPEN
<b>Crucifer</b>	OPEN	<b>Crucifer</b>	OPEN
<b>Book</b>	OPEN	<b>Book</b>	OPEN
<b>Reader</b>	Kathleen Walters Mary Ellen Foster	<b>Reader</b>	Charlie Campbell Ruth Anne Alexander
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Miller Linda Miller	<b>Ushers</b>	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL:** HYMN #390

*Lobe den Herren*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*          **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

**GLORIA,** Hymnal #S278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever . **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7**

A Reading from Amos

**H**ear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

**THE RESPONSE: PSALM 113** (*SUNG BY CHOIR*)

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

**SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7**

A Reading from 1 Timothy

**F**irst of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

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

*All rise as they are able.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #701**

*Jesu, meine Freude*

**THE GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13**

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

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

**J**esus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

**SILENT REFLECTION**

*All stand as they are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

**W**e believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**W**e believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - From the book *“Hear Our Prayer”*

After each petition the people respond with **“*Hear Our Prayer*”**.

*All may stand or kneel*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Deacon*            Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*            Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** LEAD ME, LORD

*Wesley*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.

*The People stand*

**HYMN #380, vs. 3**

*Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 369

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler 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.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



**SANCTUS, Hymnal #S125**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People*                    **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People*                    **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364**

**FRACTION ANTHEM, Hymnal #S155**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant*        The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance  
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.

**COMMUNION MUSIC: HYMN #203 IN LEVAS**

*There is a balm in Gilead*

*Please stand or kneel*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #376

*Hymn to Joy*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: TRUMPET VOLUNTARY

*Clarke*

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## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dismantling Racism Training - October 2025** - Join the Diocese of Southern Ohio in dismantling systems of oppression, telling the truth, and building capacity to be seekers of Beloved Community in our church and in the world.

This dismantling racism course is for all clergy and lay people who are required to complete anti-racism training. It's also for anyone who wishes to build relationships with people across the diocese and seeks to build the beloved community in this corner of God's creation.

We share stories, scripture, and the tenets of our faith. Join us. All sessions will take place on Zoom over six afternoons: October 14-16, and 21-23 from 12-1pm. There is no cost and everyone is invited. There is no deadline to register, but space is limited and likely to fill early.

Questions about this event?

Contact Miriam McKenney, missioner for Beloved Community,  
at [mmckenney@diosohio.org](mailto:mmckenney@diosohio.org)

**Food Bank Donations - Your Efforts Make a Difference!** Please continue to fill yellow donation bags with food (no glass jars please) and personal care items and bring them to church to be blessed and delivered to the Food Bank. If you'd like to see the difference being made (it is astounding!), please go to the Food Bank's website: [thefoodbankdayton.org](http://thefoodbankdayton.org).  
**THANK YOU!**

**Name Badges** - The name badges have been updated to the best of our knowledge. Please let Pat Harbert know if you would like to have one or need one updated by writing your name (legibly please) on a piece of paper and giving it to Pat or an usher, or email Pat at [nanahph@gmail.com](mailto:nanahph@gmail.com). We also need to know if you want your badge to be magnetic or hanging on a lanyard. It will be so nice to put a name to a face.

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### WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

### WORSHIP TIMES

**9:30 am** - Worship Service with Hymns

**Office hours:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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### ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

**Class of 2026** - Linda Bumiller, Charlie Campbell, Steve Ireland

**Class of 2027** - Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters

**Class of 2028** - Ruth Anne Alexander, Chris Brandt, Jill Davis

**Senior Warden** (*term expires 2026*)- Paul Sampson

**Junior Warden** (*term expires 2026*)- Joe Cairo

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