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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, 9:30 AM

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

We ask your prayers for: Lori, Debi, 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—Christ Church, Springfield; St. James, Cincinnati; and Ohio
Council of Churches.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of the birthdays of
Kathleen Walters and Laura Walters.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 - 9/28/25 - 9:30AM		SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - 10/05/25 - 9:30AM	
Altar Guild	Diane Labrie Cathy Fain	Altar Guild	Mary Anna Conley Cheryl Strine
Chalice	Bob N.	Chalice	Bob N.
Crucifer	Bob N.	Crucifer	Bob N.
Book	Teena Baldrige	Book	Randy Young
Reader	Charlie Campbell Ruth Anne Alexander	Reader	Mary Beth Coker Laura Walters
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben	Ushers	Stan Alexander Diane Labrie

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #625

Darwall's 148th

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 6:1A, 4-7

A Reading from Amos

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 146 (*SUNG BY CHOIR*)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

A Reading from 1 Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

All rise as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #705

Forest Green

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by

the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

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

We 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.

We 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.**

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

May God's grace be upon this shawl warming, comforting, and enfolding. May this mantle be a safe haven, and sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in God's love. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: O COME, YE SERVANTS OF THE LORD

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;
From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes his mercies known:
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

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 **Glorify 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 #152 IN LEVAS

Let us break bread together

Please stand or kneel

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal 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 #555

Lancashire

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: ON A THEME OF ORLANDO GIBBONS (SONG 22)

C.V. Stanford

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OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pet Blessing Next Sunday, October 5 - 9:30am - October 5th is the Feast of St. Francis. Feel free to bring your beloved pets to church with you. During the worship service we will bless the pets.

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, missionary for Beloved Community, at mmckenney@diosohio.org

All Saints' Sunday, November 2 - If you have a loved one who died this past year and you'd like them remembered on All Saints' Sunday, please email their name to Lois in the parish office at lois@stpauls-dayton.org, or call the office at 937-293-1154. Please have names submitted by Friday, October 24. Thank you.

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.

Honoring and Remembering our Veterans – On Sunday, November 9th we will celebrate our Veterans. If you are a veteran, please give your name and branch of service to Lois in our parish office by emailing her at lois@stpauls-dayton.org or by calling the church office at 937-293-1154. Please have all names in by November 1st.

We look forward to honoring you and your service to our country. 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. 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.

Upcoming Dates:

October 5 Blessing of the pets at our 9:30am service

October 26 10:45am - Stewardship Brunch following worship.

November 2 All Saints' Sunday - If you have a deceased loved one you would like remembered in church, please email Lois at lois@stpauls-dayton.org

November 9 Honoring our Veterans - Please email Lois at lois@stpauls-dayton.org to give the name and branch of service of the Veteran.

November 9 Look Back, Look Forward event at St. Paul's - following worship at 10:45am. Join us in the Parish Hall for finger foods and discussion to look at a bigger and different picture, to think about what it means to be the church together and what it means to be stronger and better together.

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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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