

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

Welcome to St. Paul's, Montrose, PA. We are so thankful that you are worshipping with us on this day. We have served Montrose and surrounding communities with God's love through Jesus Christ since 1831; and invite you to join with us in this long tradition of service. Please accept our hospitality; any member can assist you to our Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the worship service. Thank you for joining us this day. We invite you to come again and, with God's love, be a part of St. Paul's.

OUR VISION: To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR MISSION: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

The Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze, by J.S. Bach

Flutists: Grace Wood, Nancy Houck

The Gathering Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind Hymn 652

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP page 355

The Gloria

S 280

The Collect of the Day

BCP page 231

The First Lesson:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will

attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Response:

Psalm 23 BCP Page 612

The Epistle:

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *The King of love my shepherd is* Hymn 645

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

As disciples gathered together with Jesus, let us raise our prayers for all God's people who are the Lord's sheep, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our bishop, and Kevin our bishop-elect, that we may be instruments of compassion and care to all who find life's journey burdensome, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that in these summer days we may find times of rest, renewal and refreshment, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in places far off and places near, that God will lead us like a shepherd away from violence and into places where the dignity of every human being is honored and affirmed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who live a life of service, especially those who wait on customers, or serve the poor and needy and care for the sick, that they may offer their services joyfully and be renewed by God's love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer from the power of nature, those who travel, the hungry and the homeless, and for the sick and the suffering remembering especially Margaret, Brad, Rick, Sarah, Becky, Kyle, Kathy, Joe, Esther, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Charlotte, Alice, Jean, Charlotte, Esther, Susan, Jeanette, Jeanne, Bart; that they may be strengthened and comforted by God's grace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the departed, remembering especially, that they may be welcomed into the household of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Mary Magdalen, James the Apostle and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God. Amen.

Celebrant: Wise and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer this day and kindle within us the compassion that stirred in the heart of Jesus, so that we may be living instruments of his peace. Glory to you for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Confession and Absolution BCP page 360
The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* Hymn 343
The Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Hymn 380, v3
The Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361
The Sanctus S124
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread
The Fraction Anthem S161
The Communion

Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.

Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.

The Hymn during Communion *I Come to the Garden Alone*
Grace Wood and Nancy Houck

The Post Communion Prayer BCP page 365
The Blessing
The Parting Hymn *The Church's one foundation* Hymn 525

The Dismissal

The Postlude *Siciliano*, by J.S. Bach Grace Wood

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. John Wagner

Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Else Brunner & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye McAbee & Jane Chandler

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

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Service at St. Matthews on Saturday July 28th at 5:00PM.

No Service at St. Paul's on Sunday July 29th.