

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, June 15, 2025



TRINITY SUNDAY

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Sunday, June 15, 2025

243 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

2025
9:30am

Trinity Sunday/ Father's Day/ Father's Day special offering (Locust Lake Camp Ministry)

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger
Organist- Colin Andrew

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer **St. Paul's (Ravine), Pine Grove** from our Schuylkill Association Prayer Calendar.

Please read the announcements that are in this bulletin, the online bulletin, as well as what we post on Facebook, emails, and phone calls, and then help spread the word to those who do not have access to any of those messages.

INVOCATION

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

The congregation may stand.

SOLEMN DECLARATION.....Sung "Amen"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

People: Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.

Pastor: In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

People: Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.

Pastor: When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us.

People: Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!

Pastor: For the Trinity of understanding, we sing praise!

People: Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forevermore! AMEN.

OPENING HYMN NO. 136....."Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we are often slow to trust your grace. Distracted by the sufferings of daily living, we are compelled by the whims of grievance. Thinking our strength is sufficient for any task or trial, we are brought to our knees. When we think we can do everything ourselves, forgive us. When we ignore your nudges toward spiritual growth, correct us. Pour your Spirit within us again, that we might feel your love and remember who and whose we are. Amen.

MOMENT OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God fills our souls with grace and wisdom.

People: It is from this grace that we have hope. It is from this wisdom that we know God's love.

Pastor: Then rejoice! Do not doubt! God has poured love, hope and forgiveness on you. You are healed and forgiven in Jesus' Name and The Holy Spirit empowers you to ministries of healing and hope. Rejoice! Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

ENGAGING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD.....Lector, Mike Reber

Old Testament: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (Page 552)

Psalm: Psalm 8 (Page 467)

Lector: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Lector: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Lector: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

Lector: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Epistle: Romans 5:1-5 (Page 980)

Gospel: John 16:12-15 (Page 940)

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE.....“Let Thy word abide in us, O Lord.”

SERMON.....“Wisdom, Love, and the Triune Dance”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The congregation may remain seated.

Ushers will receive tithes and offerings at this time.

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 146.....“Glorify Thy Name”

The congregation may stand.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....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.

The congregation may be seated.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

The congregation may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE & DEDICATION.....DOXOLOGY

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

GOING WITH THE WORD

COMMISSION

Pastor: Through grace and peace, may we have the wisdom to be transformed.
People: For suffering leads to endurance, endurance gives rise to character;
Pastor: And character produces hope.
People: In true hope, hope founded in God, we are never disappointed.

BENEDICTION

THE THREEFOLD AMEN.....*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN NO. 142.....“Sing Praise to the Father”

SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE

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- The altar flowers are in loving memory of our fathers and in honor of all fathers by Lorraine and Earl Phillips.
- The bulletins are in honor of the anniversaries of Pauline and David Smith (June 13), Nancy and Peter VanDeest (June 15) and Lucinda and Tom Nagle (June 26) by Marion Bartolet.
- Offering on Sunday, June 8, 2025: \$2,571.00
- Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2025: \$3,285.91
- The June Communion offering is designated to the Pastor's Emergency Relief Fund.**
- TODAY we will be collecting a special offering designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.**
- TODAY is "Bring your motorcycle to church" Sunday and a group ride will follow worship.**
- Calling All Graduates: During our 9:30am worship service on Sunday, June 29, we will be recognizing and congratulating the graduates from our congregation.** If you or someone you know is graduating from High School, College, a Technical School or some other institution of higher learning, **please contact the church office by TODAY**, so that we may recognize them for their fantastic achievement.
- The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry** is in great need and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products. Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **NO OUTDATED FOOD PLEASE.** **We will be helping tomorrow, June 16** at 8:30am and **this Fri., June 20** at 12pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling/Bill Reber/the church office if you would like to help/ donate.
- VBS 2025, "True North- Trusting Jesus is a Wild World", will be held this week, June 16-20** from 6-8:30pm each day.
- Outdoor worship services will be held once a month, the fourth Sunday of the month.** Grab your lawn chair or favorite blanket and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation. **Our first outdoor service will be held on the front church lawn next Sunday, June 22** at 9:30am. We will also worship outdoors on **Sunday, July 27** and **Sunday, August 24**. Please note: in case of inclement weather, the services will be moved inside and held in the sanctuary.
- On Sunday, June 29, we will collect the 5th Sunday offering which is designated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry.** Special envelopes will become available.
- There will be a **Board of Christian Education Meeting on Tuesday, July 1** beginning at 7:00 PM.
- Join us for conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments following our 9:30am worship service on Sunday, July 13.** We will gather in the rear of the Sanctuary the second Sunday of each month. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul's. We have been having a wonderful response to our monthly fellowship times! Donations of treats (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, etc.)
- The next Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00pm.**

-Following many natural disasters, **Clean-Up Buckets** provide those affected with the essentials to begin getting their lives back in order. The Schuylkill Association, working with the UCC Disaster Ministries, helps provide these kits through Church World Services anywhere they are needed, to include right here in Schuylkill County. Our Association currently has over sixty empty five gallon buckets that need to be filled. **If you would like to help in this ministry by coordinating the filling of some of the buckets or can donate materials or money to buy the required materials, please contact the church office.** Learn more at <https://cwskits.org/>.

-**Our members, friends and visitors give their offerings and donations to the church in many different ways**, to include electronically via apps like Tithe.ly and bank transfers. To help accommodate the varied ways of giving, we have an offering box in the narthex as well as offering plates by the pews in the rear of the sanctuary to place Sunday morning offerings as you enter or leave the sanctuary. We will also have two ushers accept offerings during the Hymn of Reflection after the sermon as another option. Thank you for your financial support of the ministries of St. Paul's and your faithful giving in response to what God has given us!

-**In an effort to keep our records up to date**, please contact the church office if you have had a change to any of your information, to include phone or cell phone numbers, email or home addresses, or any family updates.

-**When you or a loved one is sick or in the hospital for an extended stay**, do not assume that the pastor will know you are there. Please call or email the church office so that Pastor Ken can provide you with spiritual care!

-**Prayer is Powerful!** Please call or email the church office with your prayer concerns. We believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for you. **We have a prayer concerns email group AND also a prayer phone call chain for anyone interested.** Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to these lists.

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, *Aiden Rodriguez, Ann McDowell, Natalie Rubinkam, Cathy, Shirley Williamson*, Phil Dandeneau, Dave Heim, Ron McDowell, Garrett Guers, Kenny Brown, Scott Dickinson, Kathy Martin, Cathy Krause, Brandon Wright, Donald Borger Sr.

CANCER PATIENTS: Marie Bleu, Cindy Boyer, Deb Dimitri, Alex DuVee, John Eckert, Glennis Eifert, Thomas Galligan, Meg Goodwin, Rebecca Henderson, *Alicia Honeycutt*, Lisa Hoynoski, Sherri Jo Jennar, Deb Kemmerling, Joan Krause, Lori Krug, Carol Mallory, Tara Moss, Tom Nagle, Judy Ohl, Nick Reading, Pat Reading, *John Redman*, Jen Semenco, Jim Thompson

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Sun., June 15 *Trinity Sunday *Father's Day

***"Ride Your Motorcycle to Church Sunday"** (with motorcycle ride following worship)

Monday, June 16

8:30 AM -Help at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 17 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 18 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 19 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 20

12:00 PM -Help at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 22

9:30 AM -Outdoor Worship Service

2:00 PM -Pastor Ken to perform Titus Meck's Baptism at the family farm

***Lectionary Readings for next week:**

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

Psalm 22:19-28

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29

Psalm 42 and 43

Luke 8:26-39