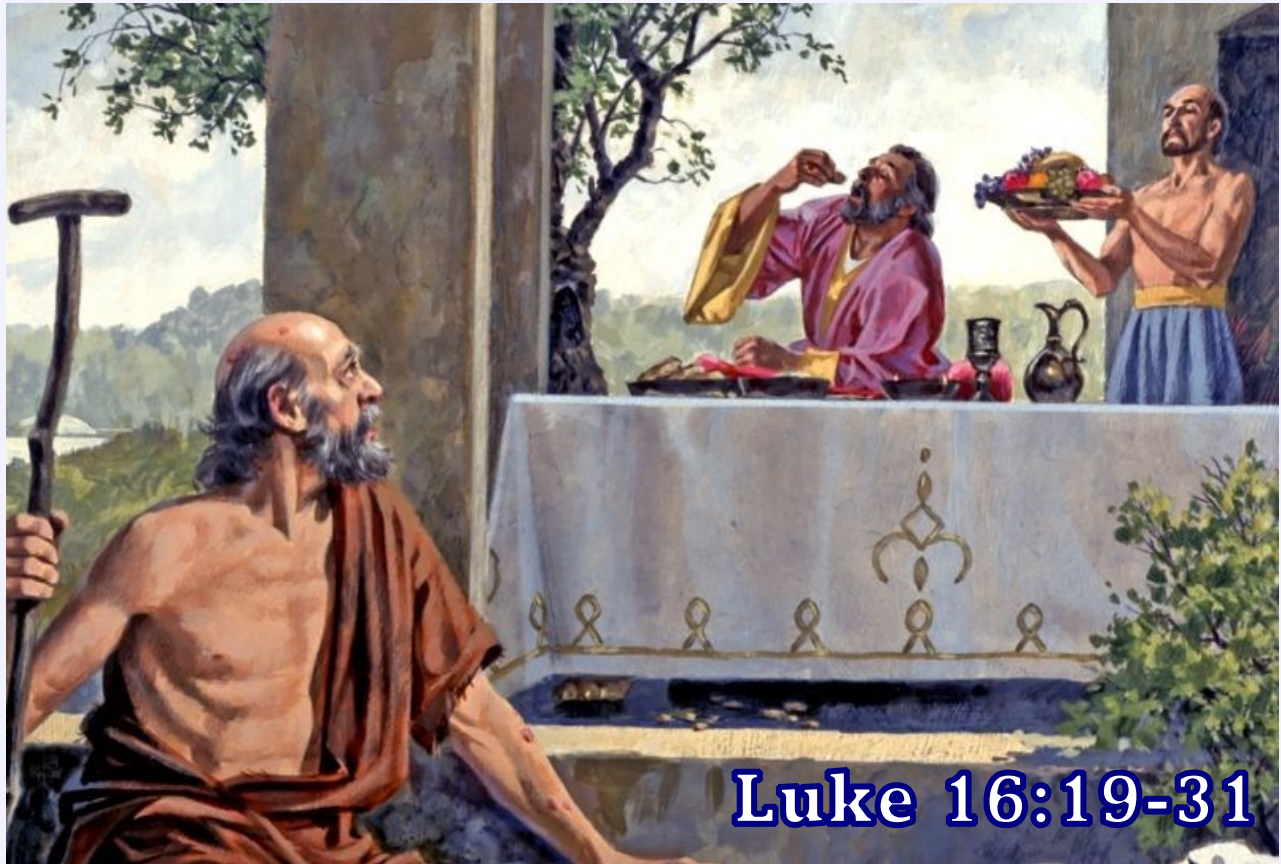


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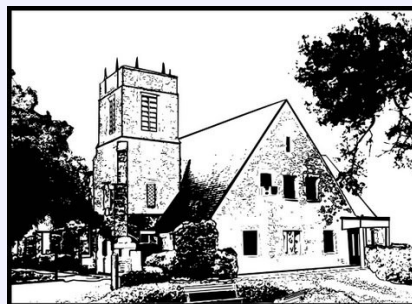


To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will come...
The Church opens the door and says in the name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas

2025 VESTRY
Senior Warden –
Rebecca Rutledge
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Anne Breitenstein
Organist/Choir Director–
Don Ball, Jr.
Parish Administrator
Kelly Guillot



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Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Holy Eucharist 10:00am
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.
Office hours Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00pm
Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:
Contact the Church office
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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy of the Word

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.

Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or *LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal* Or *Renew Hymnal*

Officiant: The Rev. Margaret Light

Homilist: Miles Hall, III

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Hymnal 686

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

OFFICIANT: 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.

All: Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

OFFICIANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

OFFICIANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day

ALL: Amen.

(See Readings Insert)

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

READER: A reading from the Book of Amos

(See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 146

(See Readings Insert)

We will read responsively by whole verse.

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Letter to Timothy

(See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Gradual Hymn

He Who Began a Good Work in You

Renew 134

OFFICIANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

(See Readings Insert)

After the Gospel

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

(See Readings Insert)

Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

Leader: 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.**

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

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

OFFICIANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

OFFICIANT: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn
Offertory

Psalm 91: On Eagle's Wings

Renew 112

Verse 2:



The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and



fam-ine will bring you no fear: un-der his wings your

To Refrain



ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

To Refrain

Verse 3:



You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the



ar-row that flies by day; though thou-sands fall a-bout you,

To Refrain Verse 4:



near you it shall not come. For to his an-gels he's

To Refrain



giv-en a com-nand to guard you in all of your ways; up-

To Refrain



on their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



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

OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE:

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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 Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

The Closing Collects:

OFFICIANT: **A Collect for Sunday:** O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Closing Hymn:

The Dismissal

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

The Hymnal 460

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Indaba Bible Study

Indaba is an African Zulu Cultural process of mutual listening and understanding. This method of Bible Study was introduced by the African Delegation to the 2008 Lambeth Conference.

Following an opening prayer, one person in a group reads a passage of scripture and then invites another person to identify a word or phrase that captures their attention. That person then invites another to follow suit until all have had an opportunity to share or pass.

A second person reads the passage from a different translation and invites someone else to identify where the passage touched his or her life today. The invitation is extended to another until all have shared or passed.

A third person reads the passage from a different translation and invites someone else to respond to these questions: What does God want me to do or be? How does God want me to change? The invitation is extended to another until all have shared or passed.

To conclude, the group forms a circle, holding hands and one person initiates the prayer, saying “I thank God today for . . .” and “I ask God today for . . .” This continues with responses of thanks and requests around the circle.

The initiator begins the Lord’s Prayer and all join in.

Indaba requires NO advance study of the scriptures. Initially, we will be selecting one of the Lectionary readings for Sunday.

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today!
“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”” Ps 122:1
Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Indaba Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light

Tuesday, September 30

Breakfast Group will meet at 9:00am at IH 10 Diner.

Wednesday, October 1

Art Class at 9:30am this week.

Wednesday, October 1

The Chosen, Movie at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

Thursday, October 2

Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos

Sunday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Indaba Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00am with Mother Meg

Feast Days: September 29-St. Michael & All Angels

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful.

You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Welcome new visitors!
Thank you for visiting St. Paul's.
We hope you enjoyed the service.
Please sign the visitors book located in the back of the church.

Happy Birthday

Sterling, Delores	9/04
Smith, Mr. Jeffery	9/07
Brown, Cole Ayden	9/11
Clevenger, Gary	9/15
Cheek, Mr. Christopher	9/16
Gilbeaux, Mrs. Valrie	9/16
Duos, John	9/16
Peterson, Victor	9/16
Works, Samuel	9/29
Bean, Winnie	9/30
Light, Margaret	10/03
Jarmon, Lillian	10/03

Happy Anniversary

Ball, Don Sr. & Betty	9/06
Bruce, Steven & April	9/22
Price, Stephen & Julie	10/02

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! PLEASE REGISTER AND JOIN US! SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

<https://ep.campallen.org/EventProConnect/Registrations/Welcome.aspx>

Small Church Network Gathering

Sunday, October 5 (5pm) – Monday, October 6 (lunch)

At Camp Allen

Presenters: Episcopal Health Foundation

The Episcopal Health Foundation (EHF) has a new President and CEO: Dr. Ann Barnes

EHF also has a renewed strategic framework:
 Focusing on health, not just healthcare,
 to promote healthy communities and congregations.

Presentations and discussions will focus on small churches and rural / small towns and communities. You will take away ideas for your church and community to be healthier.

Please forward this information on to anyone in your church. You do not want to miss this opportunity!

Small Church Network Gatherings are twice a year (spring and fall), offered to all people (lay and clergy) in our smaller congregations, generally average Sunday attendance of 50 or less.

For questions and requests for financial assistance, please contact Kathy Dunn (kdunn@epicenter.org) Scholarships are always available.

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Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Amos 6:1a,4-7 Psalm 146 Earl Geis	10:00AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 Donna Hall
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Bill Smith Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 Deacon Margaret Light Sermon: Miles Hall, III	EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Becky Rutledge Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Jay Todd Cleaver Anne Breitenstein Ushers: David & Myra Michaelis Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Morris Allison Maglothin	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Joseph Maglothin Ushers: Earl & Pat Geis Altar Guild: Ray & Ruth Hancock Bill Smith
Flower Guild: Ruth Hancock	Flower Guild: Anne Breitenstein

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

St. Paul's' will collect bedding or monetary contributions throughout the month of September for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. All donations will be greatly appreciated. We especially need bed-in-a-bag sets for girls & boys 3-6 but any bedding is needed. If you have any questions you can contact the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or 409-883-2969.