

The Word of God

PRELUDE | *Beautiful Savior*

setting: F. Melius Christiansen, arr. Cassler

ENTRANCE HYMN | *God of grace and God of glory (Mannheim)*
The people stand.

Hymnal 595

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

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The Celebrant continues

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 (*Robert Powell*)

S 280

(The "S" numbers are found at the front of the blue hymnal)

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 29:15-28

The people sit.

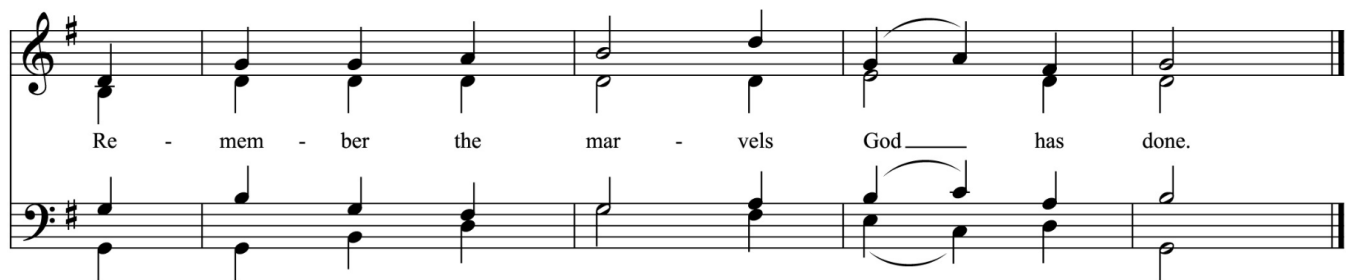
¹⁵Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” ¹⁹Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” ²⁶Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

PSALM

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b | Daw & Hackett

ANTIPHON



¹Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

²Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

³Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **ANTIPHON**

⁴Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

⁵Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

⁶O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **ANTIPHON**

⁷He is the Lord our God; his judgments prevail in all the world.

⁸He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations: **ANTIPHON**

⁹The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Issac,

¹⁰Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,

¹¹Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance.” ^{45b}Hallelujah! **ANTIPHON**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not

withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN | *The Christ who died but rose again (St. Magnus)*
The people stand.

Hymnal 447

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

THE SERMON

The people sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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The people stand.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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The people kneel or stand. The leader and people pray responsively.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions as the Leader adds the collected petitions of the Congregation.

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions as the the Leader adds the collected petitions of the Congregation.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

BCP p. 308

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY | *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*
The people sit.

Miller

THE DOXOLOGY
The people stand.

Hymnal 380 v.3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Here a Proper Preface is said].

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*Robert Powell*)

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

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you at the back of the nave.*

COMMUNION HYMN | *Tell out, my soul (Woodlands)*

Hymnal 438

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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The people kneel or stand.

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.

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN | *Jesus lives! thy terrors now (Mowsley)*

Hymnal 195

The people stand

The Priest dismisses the People with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE | *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector
The Rev. Michael Whitnah, Associate Rector
The Rev. Josh Wilson, Pastoral Resident
The Rev. Randy Dunnavant, Guest Celebrant
Janet Schmidt, Guest Organist
Lectors: DeAnna Bartsch, Scott Handy
Intercessor: Jennifer Handy
Chalice Bearers: Kristi Hay, Mary Probert
Prayer Team: Sandy Clemmons, David Rowe
Acolytes: Peyton Owen, Daphne Dieringer, Stacey Owen, Hayes Owen
Ushers: Matthew Uhles, Sandy Gleaves, Victoria Atamer, Matt Casteel
Altar Guild: Ione Smith, Jenny Fayter, Melissa Hamby
Technical Team: Matt Uhles
Flowers by the Flower Guild

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and
in celebration of Greg and Joyce Adkins' 35th wedding anniversary.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For those with cancer: Dennis, Doug, Earl, Jeff, Leigh, Lois, Margaret, Mark, Marsha, Mary Beth, Matt, Molly, Pat, Sage, Sherry, Tim, Todd, Trevor, and Zanie.

For those in cancer remission: Andie, Jim, Katarina, and Mandy.

For those healing from surgery: Andie, Daniella, James, Melissa, and Shawn.

For those with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers.

For those experiencing mental health issues.

For those with other needs: Aiden, Alyssa, Bernice, Buddy, Byrena, Cleo, Dan, David, Jane, Emily, Erika, Greg, DeHart, Kingsley, & Wells Families, Hannah, Henry, Jack, Jerry, Joe, Kaitlyn, Kandace, Kim, Lisa, Madison, Marcie, Mark, Marian, Miranda, Morgan, Nicole, Pam, Poston, Rylan, Sarah, Terry, Vanessa, Waylon, and Zach.

For those imprisoned including: Abu-Ali, Charlie, Corinio, Gregory, Joe, Michael, Tyrone, and Tyler.

For those experiencing homelessness including: Adrienne, Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kanisha, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Leanna, Lonetria, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, Tiffany, and Trista.

For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including: Benjamin, Brianna, Chris, Evan, Gaven, Grace, Jeffrey, Josh, Kaitlin, Nate, Topher, Trevor, and Sean.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 7:30 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite I**, Gospel Piano
- **Nursery** available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 8:45 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, Ancient and Modern
 - Children's Church
- **Christian Education** resumes Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, Choir, Organ, and Livestream

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

- 7:00 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, St. Andrew's Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you

Thank you to all who supported Isaiah 117 House through the St Paul's lemonade stand Saturday! Through support of the youth ministry, we served dozens of cups of lemonade and were able to donate \$276 to our Rutherford County Isaiah 117 House. That money will be directly used to lavishly love the children and youth who stay at the house. Thank you!

Food Drive coming up August 2 | Get your red bag TODAY!

Today, ushers will pass out red cloth bags to hold your donations. Items needed are canned protein, pasta and tomato sauce, fruit cups, energy bars, baking goods, and snacks. Please do not donate perishable items like fresh fruit. Monetary donations can be made as well. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "foodbank" in the memo line or donate online through Realm. Nourish Foodbank uses these funds to purchase essentials like milk, eggs, and butter at significantly discounted prices and items for babies, including formula and diapers.

Cancer Support Group | Tuesday, July 28 | 5:30 p.m. | Virtual on [Zoom](#)

If you or a loved one have been affected by cancer, please join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We gather in prayer and in support of each other and offer a place to honestly and lovingly explore how cancer impacts us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We would love to walk together on your journey.

Men's Club | Thursday, August 6, 5:30 p.m. fellowship, 6:00 p.m. dinner; Parish Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship. Tom Washer will grill hamburgers/cheeseburgers with buns. Contact Tom 615-519-3306 for your side dish suggestions.

Together We Build | Saturday, August 15 | 738 E. Castle Street

This Summer, St. Paul's will once again participate in a Habitat for Humanity event. Come volunteer with us on Saturday, August 15, as we join our neighboring faith communities to assemble the components for a beautiful house for a new Habitat homeowner. First Baptist Church on Castle Street will host the Panel Build, and this year we will add an additional partner. We hope you can all come help us welcome Believer's Faith Fellowship to the build. The build will take place in the side parking lot at First Baptist, 738 E. Castle Street, beginning at 8 a.m. Shifts are one hour long, with an additional 30 minutes for orientation. And the bonus...there's plenty of shade at the build site. Please scan the QR code or use the link in the eBlast to sign up.



Make-A-Will Sunday | August 16

As Episcopalians, we are reminded that we have a responsibility to instruct our people to make wills while they are in health, arranging their earthly affairs with intention and care. True stewardship means recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, entrusted to us for a reason. This August, to help us step into this calling with peace of mind, parishes throughout the diocese are observing Make-A-Will Sunday. On August 16, our very own Dr. Keith Gamble, MTSU Professor of Finance, will lead a class during Christian Education. He will discuss why writing a will is a practical act of love for your family and a deeply faithful exercise of stewardship as it removes the burden of uncertainty from those you love and ensures your values are clearly reflected. To support parishioners in taking this important step, St. Paul's has partnered with **FreeWill**. This secure, user-friendly online resource lets you create or update your will at no cost. As you use this tool to protect your family, we softly invite you to consider how a legacy gift can protect the future of our parish. Naming St. Paul's in your estate plans costs nothing today, but it ensures that our worship, music, formations, and outreach ministries will remain vibrant in Murfreesboro for generations to come.



Learn More



I have a will.

Annual Audit

St. Paul's has successfully concluded our annual audit process, and the 2025 financial audit report has been submitted to the Diocese of Tennessee. If you have questions or would like to view the audit report, please contact our treasurer Don Whitfield at Donald-Whitfield@att.net.

Mid-Year Giving Statements

St. Paul's has mailed a mid-year giving statement to all who have made contributions thus far in 2026. Please review your gifts and how they have been recorded. If any questions arise, please contact Heather Studenberg, Parish Administrative Officer, at office@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org or 615-893-3780, option 4.