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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024 10:00 A.M.

Welcome to St. Paul's

No matter where you come from or where you're going No matter what you believe or what you doubt No matter what you feel or just don't feel today No matter whom you love You are welcome into this space to be met by God And to join fellow travelers. Welcome. It is good that you are here.

If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks, place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher or worship leader after the service. We want to get to know you.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Garden Room immediately following the service.



Every Sunday Morning at St. Paul's

9:00 am Adult Forum – Garden Room, 1st Floor Godly Play Spiritual Formation for Children - 3rd Floor Classrooms Nursery open

10:00 am

Worship – Holy Communion - In the church nave Children's Worship – Liturgy of the Word - 3rd Floor Chapel (then to nave for communion)

The **nursery** is open on Sunday mornings for children four years and younger. It can be found by following the hallway through the bell tower on the east side of the worship space.

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We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Our community has been worshiping at 40th and Main in midtown Kansas City for over 100 years now. We worship each Sunday at 10:00am. The faith we share here finds its source in the Good News of God in Christ that promises an unending love, joy, and hope for all people, without exception. These promises are central to who we are, guide all that we do, and connect us more deeply to one another as we seek to make this same love, joy, and hope known to our world. We do this as we feed over 2000 people per month through our food ministries. We do this in our commitment to the faith formation of each person, life-wide and lifelong. We do this as we practice an historic, tradition-rich faith that speaks to our modern lives with beautiful worship and music. We have a day school with nearly 500 students, provide financial resources for our sister school in Haiti, and much more! In all of these, and more, we seek to be a community committed to learning and growing in faith, to sharing our lives with one another in all their ups and downs, to beauty in music and worship, and to service with and for our neighbors. Most of all, we are glad you are here and hope you join us again!

The Liturgy of the Word

All stand

Hymn 400 All creatures of our God and King (verses 1,4,5, & 7)

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic es, let us *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless-ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -
1 sing: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
<u>3</u> hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in - 4 way, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
<u>6</u> breath, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the
1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
<u>3</u> tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light, 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show: 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
<u>6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:</u>
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:
Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
\mathbf{e} al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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



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

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10:44-48

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the antiphon which is repeated by the congregation. The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon at the indicated places, while the choir sings the verses of the Psalm.

THE PSALM K. Knecht Sing to the Lord, Sing the Lord Hal - le - lu - jah. to а new song, 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things. 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory. Antiphon 3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Antiphon 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song. Antiphon 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD. 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein. Antiphon 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity. Antiphon

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the first book of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

1 John 5:1-6

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Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Hymn 455 O Love of God, how strong and true

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The Gospel

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

John 15:9-17

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Brittany Sparrow Savage

All stand.

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.

The Prayers of the People

In the course of silence after each bidding, you are welcome to add your own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for... In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for...

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Diane our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and laity;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph, the president, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on [those in the prayers of this parish], and on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially our food ministries, the people of South Sudan, Holy Cross School, Ravine a l'Anse, Haiti, St. Paul's Day School, Gordon Parks School, and Citizens of the World Academy.

We invite your intercessions and petitions, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Bishop Search Prayer.

All: O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen.

THE PEACECelebrant:The Peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information can be found on the insert, by visiting our website, stpaulskcmo.org, or scanning the QR code on the back cover of the bulletin.

On the first Sunday of each month, undesignated offering is given to the St. Paul's Clergy Discretionary Fund, which provides financial support to anyone in need.



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

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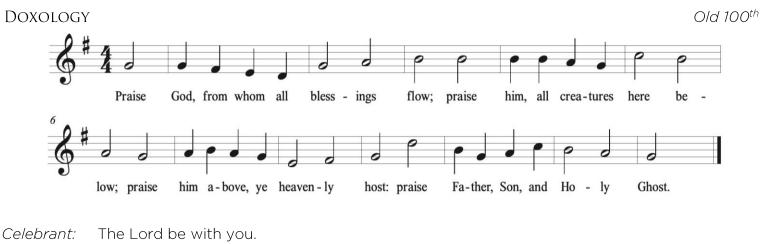
OFFERTORY: Sing Joyfully

William Byrd

St. Paul's Choir

Sing joyfully unto God our strength. Sing loud unto the God of Jacob. Take the song and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

All stand.

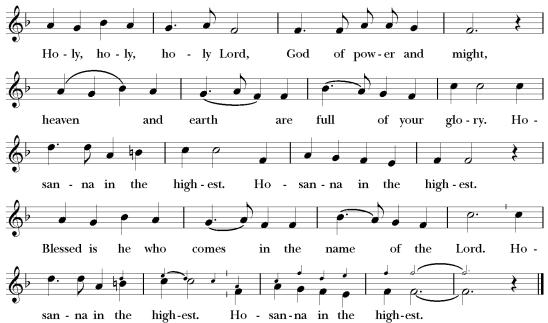


People:And also with you.Celebrant:Lift up your hearts.People:We lift them to the Lord.Celebrant:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People:It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



Music: From Missa Marialis; Plainsong, Mode 5; Mass 9; adapt. and acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) and Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant & People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

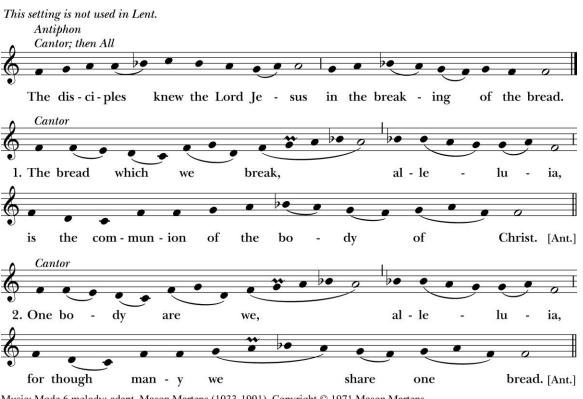
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

M. Martens S-167

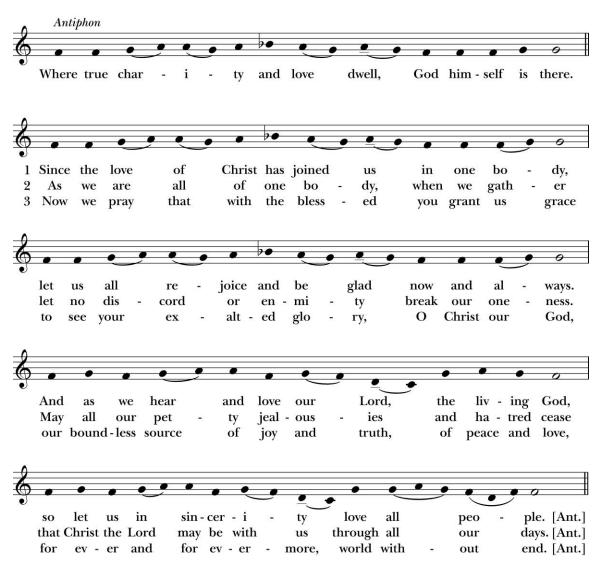


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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who feel called by God are invited to the altar. Those who wish only a blessing should come forward and cross their arms in front of their chest while at the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

All sit until dismissed by the usher to receive Communion.



Words: Latin: tr. Joyce M. Glover (b. 1923). Copyright © 1982, Joyce M. Glover. Music: Ubi caritas, plainsong, Mode 6; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Please kneel or stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing



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THE DISMISSALDeacon:Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People:Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

Fanfare

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Preacher: Celebrant:		The Reverend Brittany Sparrow Savage The Reverend Steven King	
Music Director: Organist:		Sam Anderson Kurt Knecht	
Readers:		Gordon Gee Larry Hamel	
Prayers of the Pe	ople:	Lynnis Jameson	
Chalice:		Liz Barnes Bob Kissick	
Acolyte:		Lillian Hosty	
Ushers:		Paul Herbers Richard Martin Marie Thompson	
THE VESTRY OF ST. PAUL'S Gabe Beam, Senior Warden Sterling Roath, Junior Warden Bill Lacy, Treasurer Nancy Franklin, Clerk Ellen Aisenbrey Liz Barnes Nicole Blanc Jonathan Brouse David Collier Alexandra Connors Craig Hakkio Donn Harrison Whitney Hosty Jane Lampo Deb Schneider Marie Thompson			

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Prayer List

Merciful God, we bring before you those who seek our prayers. We ask that you would look with compassion on the whole human family, and guide, guard and protect all people who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life. Lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. Amen.

Carly, Carmen, Michael, Scott, Mary, Mamaw Palmer, Ed, Ronnie, Paul, Kathy & Jim, William, Jesse, Willard, Lonnie, Tom, Courtney, Stephanie, John, Crystal, Alane, Carol, Alan, Lia, Liz & Katherine, and Susan

Upcoming Events

Embracing Easter: Hope, Love, and Resurrection in Today's World

What difference does Easter make today? Join us during the Sundays in Easter for a series of insightful forums exploring the profound impact of the Easter season in our modern lives. Whether through war and violence, illness, or any other troubles, we know that as followers of Jesus, hope, love, and joy always find a way. Together, let's reflect on embodying these promises amidst the woes of today's society. Next Sunday, May 12: "Your Story of Hope: Sharing and Discovering the Power Within"

Handbell Concert Tonight, 7:00pm

Don't Miss Tonight's Musical Event: "Prisms"!

This Sunday evening, join us for a performance titled 'Prisms,' featuring the debut of the Concertante Handbell Ensemble alongside the Sonflower Ringers!

The concert will be held at 7:00 pm here at St. Paul's. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit both St. Paul's and the Sonflower Ringers.

Come experience the beautiful sounds of handbells and celebrate the debut of a new musical ensemble!

St. Paul's Annual Choral Soiree: Small Concert, Big Reception!

Back by popular demand! This year, celebrate the culmination of our Adult Choir's dedication with a special concert on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm right here in our nave.

Experience a beautiful program of classic Anglican anthems – our favorites from across the church year. Following the concert, join us for a festive reception in the Parish Hall. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you and will music-lovers from across the KC area.

St. Paul's Annual Pentecost Picnic!

May 19th after church under the tents on the upper field. Please bring a generous side dish - enough for your family and a few more ~ e.g. salads, beans, casseroles, rice, cookies, etc. St. Paul's provides the chicken, biscuits and drinks.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May Birthdays

Vern Barnet, Loretta Birkenmeier, Alex Burden, Rose Mary Comfort, Charlie Davison, Bev Elving, Stephanie Foster, Dody Gates, Betty Goolsbee, Edie Grafing, Ella Graham, Craig Hakkio, Connor Harrel, Cory Hoad, Daniel Hofman, Julia Kerrigan, Maggie Kissick, Sue Ellen McCalley, Mary Kate McCandless, Patricia Cleary Miller, Judy Moriarty, Caitlin Perkins, Janette Platter, Bill Rudy, Deb Schneider, Kelley Seitter, Melissa Skeens, Emma Sorrell, and Linda Voigts.

May Anniversaries

Walker Adams & Warren Swenson, Corey & Jacqueline Dunbar, Jay Howard & Michelle DeCicco, Bill & Peggy Lyons, Brian & Judy Moriarty, Zach & Amanda Riesselman, Sterling & Donna Roath, and Buzz & Pam Willard.

If your name is missing from our birthday or anniversary list, please email stpauls@stpaulskcmo.org.

Host a Coffee Hour after church!

A warm, inviting, and well-stocked coffee hour is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends old and new. For visitors, it helps creates a welcoming environment, and puts on showcase a bit of who we are here at St. Paul's.

Whether it's pastries, fruit, or finger foods, your offering, whether store-bought or homemade, is warmly welcomed. To make the process easier for you, we have set up a Sign-up Genius link where you can choose the day that suits you best to bring your offering.



Volunteer for St. Paul's Food Ministries

We are in need of help! We are especially short of food distribution volunteers on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to noon, but other opportunities are also available. If this ministry might speak to you, please reach out to the church office, and we'll link you up with Paul Herbers.

Stay Connected with St. Paul's!

Are you following us on social media? St. Paul's is active on both Facebook and Instagram! We share inspirational messages, upcoming events, photos capturing our shared life together, and more.

By following us and engaging with our posts, you'll help us spread the word about St. Paul's to a wider audience. Every like, comment, and share helps us connect with more people in our community.

Find us here: Facebook: facebook.com/StPaulsKCMO Instagram: instagram.com/saintpaulskcmo

We look forward to connecting with you online!

What's Next?

- April 28 Book Club
- May 5 Handbell Concert
- May 15 St. Paul's Choir Concert
- May 19 Pentecost and Parish Picnic
- June 8 Pride Mass