THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION IS

Jesus Christ her Lord

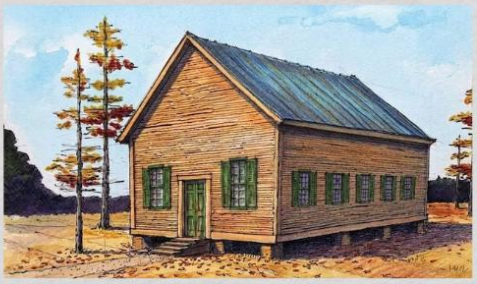
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Homecoming

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026

224 Years of Making Christ Known

Golden Agers

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Jim & Ann Hodges
Bennie Horne
Lona Hutto
Sam Johnson
Brenda Keisler
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Ellie Long
Barbara Mercurio
Harley Oody
Delle Price
Janice Price
LouVeria Price
Rachel Price
Randy Price
Robert & Marilyn Rikard
Myriam Riley
Homer Sease
Hotshot & Mary Sease
Tim & Mary Ann Sease
Terry Shealy
David & Ginny Smith
Jaye Snelgrove
Carl & Juanelle Swygert
Rebekah Tinman
George Williams

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.
-Psalm 29:11

The Church Gathers as the Family of God

Children of St. Paul's

The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord,
She is His new creation, by water and the Word;
From heaven he came and sought her to be His holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life He died.

Litany of the People of God

Here, a community gathered on Sundays, and in between
A place of certainty and comfort in a world not solid
A source of faith, often tested and affirmed.

Here, children dangled their legs from wooden pews,
Wondering when playtime would come again.

Here, women grew friendships for a lifetime,
Over quilting bees, Bible studies and bake sales.
While men huddled in conversation on the lawn.

Here, couples vowed to love one another 'til death,
Promising to lean on one another in times of challenge,
And celebrate in times of joy.

Here, parents brought their babies to be blessed,
Pledging to return to this place of faith and community,
Joining a family larger than their own.

Here, families said goodbye to their beloved.
Remembering the way they spoke or laughed or loved the ocean,
Wishing them well on their journey after life.

Here, time passed, doors opening and closing,
One generation slipping into another.

Here, friends meet over food and drink,
A place to laugh and talk---no thought of time,
Leaning into comfort, leaning into Christ, finding we are home

Processional *The Church's One Foundation* **ELW #654**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation, by water and the Word,
From heaven He came and sought her to be His Holy bride,
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life He died!

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morning song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the three in One,
With mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won,
Oh, blessed heavenly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace;
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face!

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

In these sacred walls, His love does resound.
God's faithfulness, the foundation we've found.
Through changing times, and challenges faced,
His constant grace, our spirits embraced.
Anniversary bells, with joy do they ring,
For the blessings and hope, God's love does bring.
Year after year, promised true,
Guiding our path, in skies both gray and blue.
With grateful hearts, His Name we raise,
In this house of worship, our hymns of praise.
Celebrating the trust, so deep and endless,
Another year, a new generation of God's unending grace!

Hymn of Praise *Now Thank we all our God* **ELW #840**

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.
All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, who earth and heaven adore;
For thus, It was, is now, and shall be ever-more!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Homecoming Prayer

Holy God of cathedrals and walls made of wood and stone, we thank you for providing a place where your Word gathers us, your sacrament feeds us and your will is made known. We thank you for baptismal fonts, altars made from cedar and pine, pulpits for your pastors, pews for your people. Bless the memory of divine places that have welcomed your chosen children of St. Paul's. Praise and glory to the Lord of our Church, God our Father and His only Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Special Music *Amazing Grace & Holy, Holy, Holy* **Janis Corley**
Tim Oswald

The Church Shares God's Holy Word

Scripture Reading **1 Kings 8:27-30**

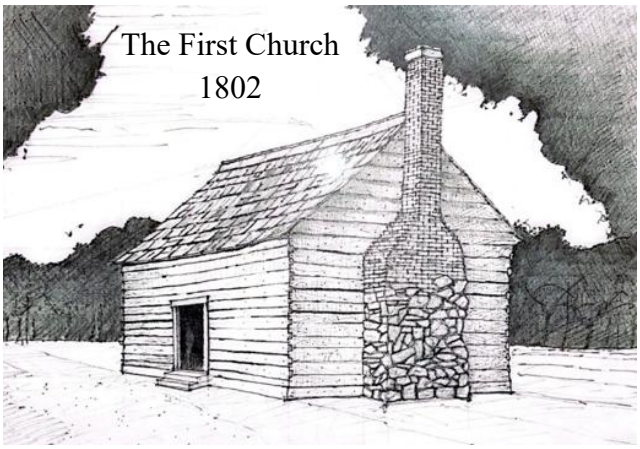
27 "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain
you. How much less this temple I have built! 28 Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and
his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in
your presence this day. 29 **May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day**, this place
of which you said, '**My Name shall be there**,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant
prays toward this place. 30 Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when
they pray toward this place. **Hear from heaven, your dwelling place**, **and when you hear, forgive**.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord…

The early membership of St. Pauls and other Lutheran churches in Lexington County was largely of German descent, and most of the churches use, at least principally, the German language in their worship. However, the ministers, though predominately self- educated, read and spoke German and English well enough to minister to people from the pulpit in either language. Most of St Paul's pastors around the 1850's frequently preached in both English and German, sometimes to the same congregations and on the same Sundays.

There is in existence a copy of the deed…dated July 9, 1803…." In the consideration of the sum of five dollars, to us paid by the elders and church wardens…. Valentine Gable, John Reiss, George Gordham, and Christopher Kaufman, of the German Protestant Church, named St. Paul's…and their successors. All that parcel and tract of land whereupon the said new church named, St Pauls now stands…. containing seven- and three-quarter acres….



The conveyors of the seven- and three-quarter acres were Jacob and George Roll, brothers. Dr. Killian Price of St Paul's had stated that it is claimed by some of the oldest members that Rev. Franklow (J.P.) organized the congregation in 1802 and a church was dedicated in 1803. It is interesting to note that Rev. Franklow was not ordained a Lutheran minister until 1812, though he was ordained by an Episcopal Bishop residing in Charleston in 1798.

Hymn *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* **ELW #774**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, Leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, Leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

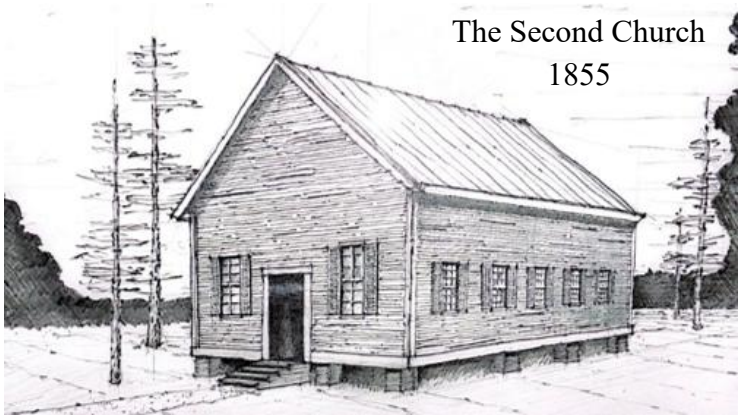
Scripture Reading **1 Chronicles 29:15-20**

15 We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are
like a shadow, without hope. 16 **LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for**
building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to
you. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. **All these things I**
have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your
people who are here have given to you. 18 **LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and**
Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their
hearts loyal to you. 19 And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your
commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I
have provided." 20 Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the LORD your God." So they
all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed down, prostrating themselves before
the LORD and the king.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

One Lord, one faith, one birth, one Holy Name she blesses, partakes one Holy food…and to one hope she presses with every grace.

During the Daniel Effird's pastorate, the second church which is now devoted to school purposes, was built and dedicated. Mr. N Harman was contractor and builder of this church. Under the date of 1852, there is record of lists of subscriptions raised to build St. Paul's second church.

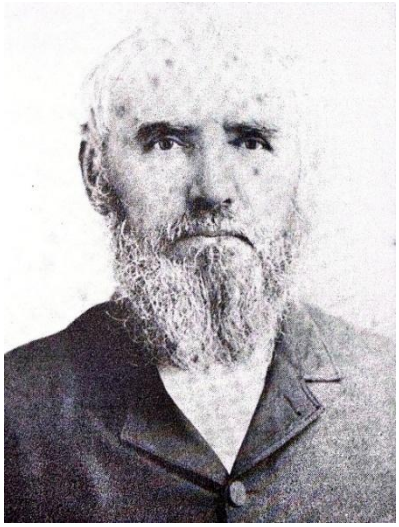


The Second Church
1855

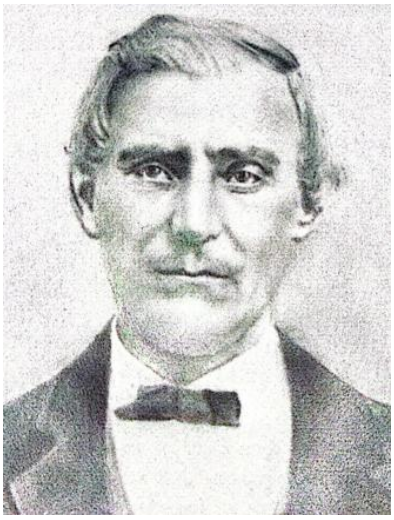
Those who canvassed the area for financial pledges included, Isaiah Price, Henry Keisler, D. Oswalt, and Jesse Keisler. A combined total of $284.75 was raised at the same time. The pledges were made by some 88 persons, with amounts ranging from 75 cents to 25 dollars. The greatest number gave or subscribed was $1.00.

A record of materials for building the church appears; dated February and March of 1853. Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Lewie paid out for supplies; shingles, nails, lumber, screws, hinges and glass. The highest amount is for the hinges, $25.20 and the least amount is 10 cents for "whiling". Another expense of 20 cents for having the lock to the door finished. It is recorded that $50.00 was paid for lumber, and $11.00 for nails.

It is all but certain that a new church building was erected and dedicated---a building later to be popularly known as the old school building. All this was tangible evidence of the devotion and industry of pastors and people during the Efird Era.



Daniel Efird
Pastorate: 1851-1872



Adam Efird
Pastorate: 1854-1870

Although there is yet a third Pastor Efird of St. Paul's to come on the scene---let it be said even now that there has been no name among the pastors of St. Paul's which has rivaled that of Efird, at least in the length of time served by those who bore it. For a span of twenty years its pastor was a capable and consecrated Efird. These span of crucial years during which the

circumstances and the contingencies called for wise, patient and bold leadership, there is ample evidence that St. Paul's was blessed with nothing less during the Efird era.

Hymn *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* **ELW #697**

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 2:19-22**

9 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, **but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household**, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone**. **21** In him the whole building is joined together **and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.** **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

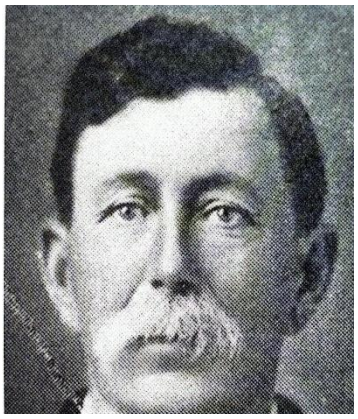
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won…

During the pastorate of Rev. Eli Lot Lybrand, a new church building was erected and dedicated, a structure which members of 50 years or more will remember.



The Third Church
1889



Eli Lot Lybrand
Pastorate: 1879-1895

Pastor Lybrand wrote enthusiastically in 'Our Church Paper' an account of the dedication of the third church; "The communion at St. Paul's church took place on the second Sunday of May--- May 12, 1889. It was indeed a joyful date for St. Paul's congregation; for their large new church was also dedicated. For several years past the old church has been too small to accommodate the large congregation which usually assembled for worship. And, although the old house was in comparatively good condition, still it was determined to build a new one, and to build it large enough to accommodate the worshippers. Accordingly, early in the year operations were commenced and the cornerstone laid, the pastor preaching the sermon from the text, "Upon this Rock I will build my Church".

On Sunday morning at an early hour the large new house was filled to its utmost capacity and many still outside. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The services were opened with dedication services, and the house was dedicated to the service of God by the Pastors, Reverend Lybrand, assisted by the Reverends, J.A. Cromeran and L. E. Busby. The sermon was preached by Rev. Busby and was an hour and a half. It was delivered without manuscript, 'Will God indeed dwell on the earth? After the sermon there were three young persons confirmed and the Lord's Supper administered to 267 communicants. The new church is one of the largest, if not the largest in Lexington County, being 40 by 60 feet wide. Unity between pastor and people prevails. There is a large Sunday school, the Bible and Lutheran books only being used. All congregations take an active interest in the doctrines and practice of our beloved Church.

For the first 15 years of it's existence, the building was rectangular in shape. Prior to about 1920, it was far from usual for families, even man or a wife to sit together in church. It was customary for men and boys to sit in the west half of the sanctuary, while women and girls sat on the eastern half. On the west wings of the church, members may remember there were dirty, greasy spots made by men who would lean their heads against the walls of the church during worship. Men would also chew tobacco and expectorate on the walls and floors of the church. The congregation tolerated the behavior.

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **ELW #836**
Interpreted in ASL – Jennifer Villar

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Gospel Reading **John 4: 20-24**

[20] Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must
worship is in Jerusalem." [21] "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you
will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. [22] You Samaritans worship
what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. [23] **Yet a**
time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the
Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. [24] God is spirit, **and**
his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Church Proclaims Good News

Homily *"Walls Talk!"* **Pastor Matt Lash**

Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* **ELW #413**

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing the Peace
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts

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.

Golden Ager Recognition & Prayer

Prayers of the Church

Within these holy walls, we serve One Lord. Every knee bends before One Lord. Our hearts are open before One Lord. Our souls worship One Lord. Speak to us with one voice, and inspire our hands to serve, our feet to walk faithfully before you; One Lord, one faith, one birth, one Holy name blessed forever. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Within these holy walls, we share One faith. Jesus, be our way, truth and life. Jesus, be the light in our darkness. Jesus, be the healing in our pain. Jesus, be faith in our fear. One Lord, one faith, one birth, one Holy name blessed forever. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Within these holy walls, we rejoice in one birth. Holy Spirit, call, gather, welcome us in the new birth of hope, joy, and peace each day. Come, Holy Spirit, fall fresh on us this holy day. One Lord, one faith, one birth, one Holy name blessed forever. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Within these holy walls, One hope presses with every grace given. Prayers are answered. Life is renewed. Comfort covers grief and your people walk and live again. Pour out your healing grace upon those concerns and children for whom we pray. (*Pastor includes local, national concerns and names that may appear on our prayer list*). One Lord, one faith, one birth, one Holy name blessed forever. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

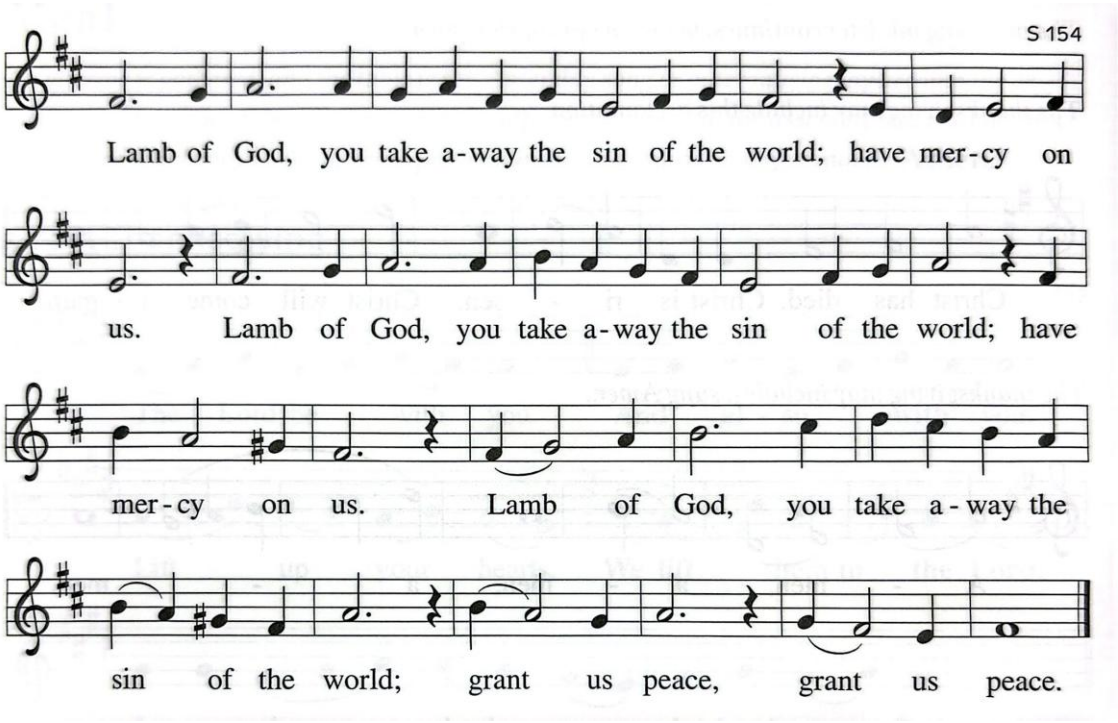
Into your holy hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Church Shares the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Blessing the Sacrament

In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, "Take and drink, this is the blood of the new covenant, give and shed for you, for the forgiveness of your sins. Do this in remembrance of me".



First Communicants & Families with Pastor Matt

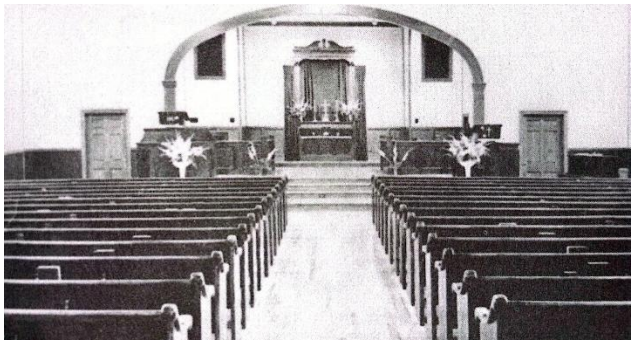
Distribution of the Lord's Meal

Blessing

The Body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his Grace, not and until everlasting life. **Amen.**



The Church of
1949



Interior of 1949 Church

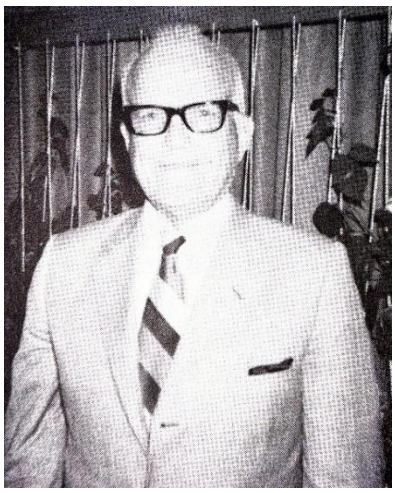
The Hope and Faith of St. Paul's People

On June 12, 1952, when the remodeled church was less than three years old, at about 6:00 o clock on a Thursday evening, during a rain storm. Lightening struck the 90 foot steeple.

The church was burned to the ground.
One person reported that the bolt was the only one during the storm.

The newspaper read, "A severe electric storm was raging when a bolt of lightening struck the church steeple, setting the church ablaze. It was a total loss. The church and Sunday school rooms that had been completely refurbished were destroyed. There is perhaps no better index to the moral and spiritual fiber of individuals or congregations than the way they handle calamities. In the crucible of a newly remodeled church totally destroyed by fire. St. Paul's mettle was tested.

The determined members under the leadership of undaunted Pastor Dunlap, promptly poured their energies into shaping plans for a new church to replace the one they had lost so tragically. The decision was reached to erect at once the educational unit with an assembly room providing a seating capacity of 300.



Hubert A. Dunlap
Supply: 1950-1951
Pastorate: 1951-1958

Work began promptly and proceeded swiftly! Within approximately fifteen months, following the fateful fire, on September 20, 1953, the first congregational worship service was held in the assembly room. The cost of this unit, consisting of the assembly room, kitchen and adequate

Sunday school room was $50,000. For a week and a day, September 20 through September 27, 1953, St. Paul's congregation jubilantly celebrated the first one and half centuries of its faithful existence and service.

The congregation, some eight years after the fire and with an increase in the building fund, to build the new sanctuary. The official ground breaking for the new sanctuary was held on October 30, 1960.



The first service in the new house of worship was held on July 30, 1961 with a near capacity congregation of 406. The Pastor, the Rev Henri Bishop preached the first sermon and at this service three children were baptized; Jerry Dwayne Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price, Dean Walton Sease, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greever A. Sease and Lisa Ann Koon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koon.



Henri Bishop
Pastorate: 1959-1962

Benediction
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

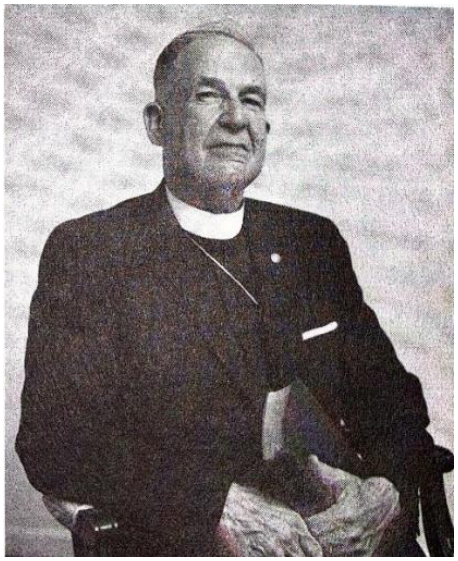
Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* **ELW #504**

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match His might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of host is He!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only son adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us.
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail!
One little word subdues Him.

God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!



Rev. E. Bryan Keisler
1897-1983

So then, let there be an eye single to the welfare and upbuilding of St. Paul's Church, that the congregation may perform the work assigned and required of it. Let each member appoint himself a committee to see to it that this church shall never be disgraced, and that nothing but true doctrine shall ever be preached within her walls. Then when this is manifest throughout the whole congregation, we can all join with truth and with one accord in singing:

"My Church! My Church! My dear old Church!
I love her ancient name; and God forbid,
A child of His should ever do her shame;
Her mother care, I'll ever share,
Her child I am alone, till He who gave me to her arms,
Shall call me to His own."

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

224th Homecoming Worship Participants

CHILDREN
Cole Caneup
Morgan Caneup
Abby Hoover
Nicole Hoover
Charlize Villar

LITANY
Dana Fulmer
Cody & Kelsey Gordon
Deana Keisler
Collyn & Katelyn Richardson
Anita Sease
Dwight & Debbie Sease
Dale & Charlotte Swygert

HISTORY
Jessica Keisler
Allison Toy

SCRIPTURES
Janet Boyd
Danny Graham
Tim Sease

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER
Nicole Hoover
Coleston Mizell
Charlize Villar

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
Deana Keisler
Coleston Mizell

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Addi's 30th birthday. Given by Joey & Michele Frazier.

ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEW NEWS

OCTOBER 4, 2026



Welcome to Worship!

We are grateful you are starting your day with confession, prayer and praise! This Lutheran family in Gilbert have gathered in this holy house for 224 years! We are excited to welcome you today!

Worship Assistants

October Council Person:
Deana Keisler (803)582-9515

September 27th Offering: **$5,303**

Fund 224 Total: **$2,640**

September 27th Attendance: **92**

Tik Talk Pastor Matt will gather with our pre-teens and teenagers TODAY AND EVERY SUNDAY between 8:30-9:30 a.m. Please encourage your teenagers to attend! Our topic. "What Do you Really Believe about your Church??".

Bible Study Tuesday! Join Pastor Matt as he leads a study on the Genesis Promises of God! We meet on Tuesday at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. We have room for you and yours! Bring a friend!

Homecoming Celebrates 224th Anniversary! Our ancestors wept tears of JOY when St. Paul was recognized as a formal parish in the South Carolina Synod in 1802! Today, we give our God thanks and praise as we continue the faithful traditions and confessions of the Lutheran Church here at St. Paul's! Thank you for attending today! Rejoice, rejoice believers!

A Homecoming Gift of Remembrance Our fall outreach, "FUND 224" begins with gifts of remembrance. All gifts will support 'Church Improvements'---New Flooring in the educational unit, New blinds in the fellowship hall and a New commercial refrigerator in the kitchen. Our goal through 2027 is 25,000. Let us remember our ancestors and saints who have blessed us along the way! Envelopes will be available on the back table in our sanctuary. Remembrances will be listed in upcoming bulletins. Thanks be to God!

Special Thanks to all who take part in our Homecoming worship today! We are grateful for children, teenagers, adults and seniors who add their voices to this mornings' worship service! We are glad to be in the House of the Lord! Thank you Danny Graham, Janet Boyd, Tim Sease, Jessica Keisler, Allison Toy, Dana Fulmer, Cody & Kelsey Gordon, Dale & Charlotte Swygert, Collyn & Katelyn Richardson, Deana Keisler, Anita Sease, Dwight & Debbie Sease, and our children, Abby Hoover, Nicole Hoover, Charlize Villar, Morgan Caneup. Cole Caneup and Coleston Mizell. Thanks to our band members for their musical gifts, organist Mary Ann Shealy and our pianist, Janis Corley.

Upcoming Events

OCT 4 **Homecoming Luncheon**
Join us after worship for fellowship and a meal!

OCT 6 **Bible Study**
Join us for weekly Bible Study either at 1:00pm or 7:00pm!

OCT 10 **Eudora Farms Trip**
Join us at 9:00am! We are looking forward to fun day!

OCT 11 **Lutheran Men**
There will be a meeting at 6:00pm.

Join us for a fun trip to Eudora Farms on October 10th! If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. We would need everyone to arrive at 9:00am and the ride will start at 9:30am! We hope you can join us for a fun day together!

Marks of Discipleship-REAL FAITH FOR REAL LIVING! A 6 week sermon series beginning Sunday, October 11th. What makes me a disciple of Jesus?? Invite your friends! *Special discipleship gifts for the children during their time with Pastor Matt!

FALL INTO HALLOWEEN! Join us on Sunday, October 25th at 4:00pm for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fall festivities! Enjoy Trunk or Treat, along with, a Dog Costume Contest, and more! A meal will follow the festivities. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy a fun-filled evening together! Everyone is welcome!

First Communion Celebrations! We rejoice with our young people who will receive the Lord's precious body and blood for the 'first' time at the altar railing during our Homecoming worship. Let us pray for Brantly Howell, Hollie Howell, and Conner Smith and their families.

Blessed with Water & Word Pastor Matt will gather with Brantly & Hollie Howell and their families to welcome them into the family of God through Holy Baptism. The baptism will occur at the conclusion of the worship service. Blessings!

All Saints Remembrance. We will remember the names of loved ones and friends who rest in the eternal peace of the Lord on Sunday, November 1st. A very special worship experience. Join us.



October 8: **Addi Frazier**
October 9: **Mary Sease**



October 4: **Stan & Kathy Craps**
October 5: **Jim & Ann Hodges**

Share a SMILE!

Take a moment this week to send a card, make a phone call, or visit one of our homebound members. A list of our homebound members and their addresses can be found on the back of the bulletin.

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