



## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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### The Holy Eucharist to celebrate Veterans Day

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.

*The Rev. William P. (Bill) McLemore preaching*

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### Men's Breakfast

is this Saturday, November 14th

8:00 a.m. at Kim & Patty's

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**Thoughts from Lori**

This Sunday, November 15th, is PLEDGE SUNDAY. It's our opportunity to make our commitment to St. Paul's for 2016 and for those pledge cards to be blessed at the altar during the Eucharist. You've received letters from the wardens, Beth and Pam, and from me, in which we each shared reasons - personal and theological - for giving to the church. When it's all said and done, it's about LOVE: God's love for us, ours for God, and our love for this parish community we call St. Paul's. But why pledge? Why sign a card? Why make a commitment like this? Can't we just give without filling out that card?

Well, of course, you can! But here's why pledging is so important:

- First and foremost, pledging is about belonging. Belonging to St. Paul's and St. Paul's belonging to you. It means that we lay claim to you and you to us.
- Pledging is an act of trust. Trust that your elected leaders will act in good faith as stewards of your generosity. Trust in each other, that we're all in this together, this enterprise we call church.
- Pledging enables the Vestry to create a budget and plan ahead.

I've made no secret of my commitment to tithe. Yes, that pesky biblical principal to return to God a tenth of what I have; in my case, return it to God in the form of giving to the work of the church and to the Society of St. Anna the Prophet. I do this because I believe that all that I am and all that I have comes from God and belongs to God. (See our Vestry Stewardship Statement [here](#).) And I get to keep 90%! Not a bad deal, if you ask me.

And you've heard me talk about the principal of "first fruits". That's the practice of giving off the top. In earlier times when offerings were made from one's crops and livestock, it meant to give from the best of the fruits of one's labor. Today, with currency being the source and symbol of our labor, it means that I make my donation first, before anything else, instead of waiting to see what's left. Truth be told, it's the only way that tithing works for me. Otherwise, there would never be anything left; never enough.

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I invite you to join me in this practice. It is the most spiritual and freeing thing I've ever done. But don't trust me. Trust God.

Faithfully,  
*Loritt*



*Coming to St. Paul's December 4th*

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 12/4/2015 at Saint Paul Episcopal Church. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)



**Veteran's Day Service** - Tonight, 6:30 pm  
**Men's Breakfast** - Nov. 14th, 8:00 am  
**Pledge Sunday** - Nov. 15th  
**Vestry** - Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7:15 pm  
**Community Thanksgiving Service** - Sunday, Nov. 22  
**Thanksgiving Eve service** - Wednesday, Nov. 25th, 7:00 pm  
**Lifeline Screening** - Saturday, Dec. 4th

*Holy Eucharist and the  
Laying on of Hands for Healing  
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm*

# Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, November 15th

Proper 28 - Year B

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

***The Old Testament:*** Daniel 12:1-3. This passage refers to the Archangel Michael who will arise and exercise judgement of those who "sleep in the dust of the earth" to lead many to righteousness, "like the stars forever and ever."

***The Psalm:*** Psalm 16. "Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you."

***The Epistle:*** Hebrews 10:11-14; Hebrews 10:15-18; Hebrews 10:19-25. Again, the writer continues with the imagery of the Eucharist and the spirit that should prevail as we participate in it.

***The Gospel:*** Mark 13:1-8. Some people tell Jesus how marvelous the great temple is with such large stones and great size. To which Jesus reminds them, the time will come when the great buildings will be thrown down; and there will be "earthquakes in various places" and famine.

## THE HYMNS:

***Processional Hymn:*** No. 48. "O Day of Radiant Gladness." This hymn is the first one in Christopher Wordsworth's "Holy Year, 1862." It has been in the Hymnal since 1874. The first line in the 1940 hymnal was, "O Day of Rest and Gladness." Thus it has been altered for this hymnal, including the 3rd verse written by the Rev. Dr. Charles Philip Price (1920-1999), Professor of Systematic Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia. Though primarily a hymn for Sundays, it extols the Trinitarian nature of God. The tune, "Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldogelein," is a German folk song which has been harmonized by George Ratcliff Woodward (1848-1934).

***Sequence Hymn:*** No. 632. "O Christ the Word Incarnate." This hymn was written by William Walsham How and is based on Psalm 119:105. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." This hymn has been in the Hymnal of the Episcopal Church since 1874 but in our current volume, the first line has been changed from "O Word of God Incarnate" to "O Christ the Word Incarnate." The tune "Munich" is taken from a quartet piece in Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah" (1847).

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 414. "God My King, Thy Might Confessing." This hymn was written by the prolific hymn-writing British Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Richard Mant. It is a paraphrase of verses 1-12 of Psalm 145. Episcopalians today can be happy that the editors of the hymnal have gradually pared the original 14 verses down to 6 (after all-we DO sing all verses of every hymn, eh?) The tune, "Stuttgart," originated with Christian Friedrich Witt and was harmonized in its present form by William Henry Havergal. It is a very traditional English 87.87 meter hymn.

**Communion Hymn:** No. 711. "Seek Ye First" This hymn is based on Matthew 6:33 and was written and composed by Karen Lafferty. Karen is a well-known Christian musician who lives in New Mexico, but travels around the world spreading the faith through music. She says that after years of singing in bars and saloons, she felt she needed to get closer to God. Somehow, she read this passage in Matthew and "the hymn simply fell together, along with the alleluias!" She has produced many hymns now and can be found on Facebook.

**Recessional Hymn:** No. 607. "O God of Every Nation." This hymn is new to the 1982 Hymnal and was written by William Watkins Reid, Jr., in 1958. He served as a Medic in the second war and ended the war as a POW in Germany. When he returned to this country he pastored Methodist churches in North Dakota and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was born in 1923 in New York City and died in 2009. He is listed as one of the great hymn writers who have graduated from Oberlin College including George Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) whose hymn tunes are found in our hymnal. The tune "Llangloffan," comes from a Welsh folk melody.

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### **November 15th Servants**

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski  
Lector: Jim Lukas  
Intercessor: Terry Jaworski  
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer,  
Michelle Wiejaczka  
Vestry Person of the Day: Marilyn Bell

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From the cartoons created by  
*the Rev. William P. McLemore*



100 Ways to Save the Environment  
Number 5

*When using an oven, minimize door opening while in use; it reduces oven temperature every time you open the door.*