

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. All are welcome, no exceptions!*



**Third Sunday after Easter  
April 15, 2018 10:30 A.M.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*We stand to sing and pray.*

**Processional Hymn # 199** Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## Gloria in excelsis: Glory to God S 280

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace \_\_\_\_\_ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav - enly  
King, al - migh - ty — God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, only — Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 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

Priest            The Lord be with you.

People            *And also with you.*

Priest            Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*We sit to hear the lessons.*

## The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

Lector            A reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Lector            The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 4

Lector            Let us read Psalm 4 together.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

Lector      A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

*People      Thanks be to God*

*Please stand if you are able and join in singing the Hymns.*

**Gradual Hymn**    # 193 That Easter day with joy was bright

## The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Ed Bird

*Silence for meditation*

*We stand to affirm our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed.*

### **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.*

## Prayers of the People for the Third Sunday of Easter

Intercessor God has made the One who was rejected the cornerstone of a new community. In the name of Christ Jesus, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying: Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Intercessor Holy One, as the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures and gave them power through the Holy Spirit to walk boldly in this world, open your people today to the healing, wisdom, and faith given in your Word.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People* your mercy is great.

Intercessor Prince of Peace, as Christ Jesus showed his wounded hands and feet to the terrified apostles, reveal to your church, and to people of prayer in every faith, the wounds of our neighbors, the fears of individuals and families, and the avenues toward healing. Strengthen our leaders, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our Diocesan Bishop, and Ed and Heidi, our priests. \*For the congregations of the Church of Ireland, for our companion Dioceses of Renk in the South Sudan and Southeast Mexico; for Congregations in the Elgin Deanery: Redeemer in Elgin; St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin; St. Nicholas in Elk Grove Village; St. Columba of Iona in Hanover Park.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People* your mercy is great.

Intercessor Author of life, we beg for peace among nations, peace throughout communities, peace within families. Guide leaders and voters, legislatures and parliaments, judges and juries. Teach diplomacy and let our ways be formed so that all creatures, plants, and people may have plenty. We pray especially for our president, Donald, our governor, Bruce, and our mayor, Jerry.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People*      *your mercy is great.*

Intercessor    We pray for this community. Give us a vision of the common good: not clinging to our own possessions but seeking the fullness of life for all as a testimony to Christ's resurrection.

*Silence*

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

*People*      *Send us your Spirit of peace.*

Intercessor    Light in our darkness, let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence. Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret. Unveil the needs of our own hearts so that we may know the power of vulnerability. Your Son was raised to life even from the grave. Show us again that life comes from death.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People*      *your mercy is great.*

Intercessor    Healer of our every ill, we pray for all who are in need, for refugees of war and all who are displaced by storms, for rescue workers and medical teams, for those whose bones are weary, for those who show us the power of community to give hope to the frightened, and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray especially for Kathy Lee, Craig, Jason Pyle, Quinn Doty, Phyl Naffziger, Alice Smith, Rodney Smith, Dave and Pam Rhine, Matthias, H.E.J., Zach Jacobs and the Jacobs Family, the McKay Family, Gail, Dick, Jim, Doug, Susan, Sandi, Puzz, the Webb Family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Merrill, Michele and family, Rene, Allison, and Rosemarie.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People*            *your mercy is great.*

Intercessor    We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays, especially for Rick Johns, Edie Faulkner, and Alan Leonard; and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially for Father Ed Bird and Beth Lee.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People*            *your mercy is great.*

Intercessor    We remember before you those who have died that your steadfast love may shelter them in the peace of your eternal light.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People*            *your mercy is great.*

Intercessor    You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God, and we pray now for those persons and concerns that lie on our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence..

*(The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.)*

*Silence*

Hear us, O God,

*People*            *your mercy is great.*

Intercessor    Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend into your care all for whom we pray, and our own lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

*\*Every week we will pray for a different international church in the Anglican Communion as part of the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We also will pray weekly for churches and ministries in the Diocese of Chicago and our Companion Dioceses as part of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.*

*We stand for the pronouncement of the Peace*

### **The Peace**

Priest            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People            *And also with you.*

*Then we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you."*

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

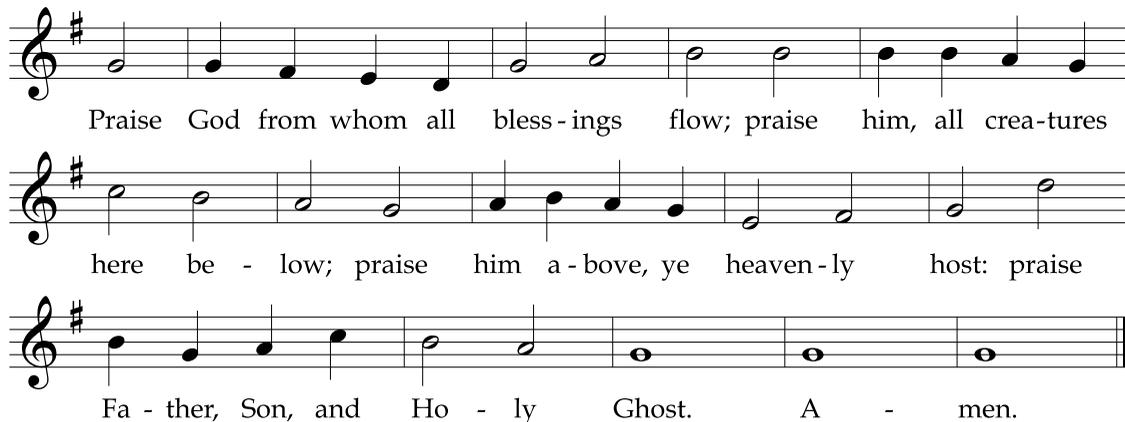
I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercy of God,  
To present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
Which is your spiritual worship (Romans 12:1)

#### **Offertory Anthem**

The St. Paul's Choirs

*Joyful!      Michael E. Ekbladh*

#### **Doxology Hymn # 380 v. 3**



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## *Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3*

Priest

*People*



The Lord be\_\_ with you. And al - so\_\_ with you.

Priest

*People*



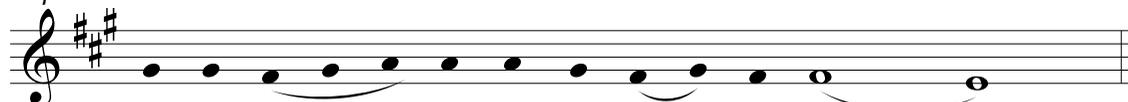
Lift\_\_ up your hearts.\_\_ We lift\_\_ them to the Lord.\_\_

Priest



Let us give\_\_\_\_ thanks to\_\_ the Lord our\_\_ God.

*People*



It is right\_\_\_\_ to give our thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_

Priest

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## Sanctus: S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
5 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
9 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
13 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
17 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*We remain standing or kneel*

Priest

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Priest and People:

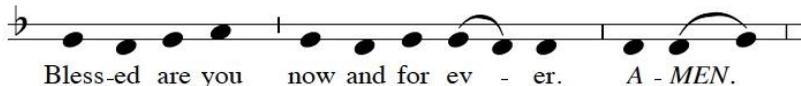
*Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

Priest

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Priest and People



Priest

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

*In Unison*

*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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Silence is observed after the bread is broken*

**Fraction Anthem: S 155 Alleluia. Christ our Passover**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

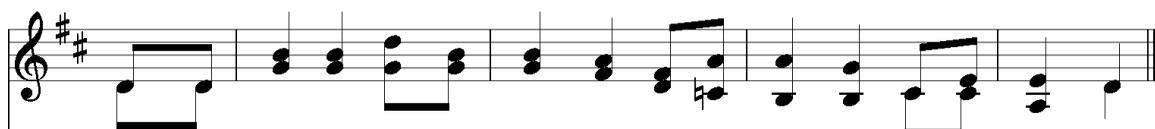
Priest      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion. The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. **We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.** It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.*

### Communion Hymn Children of the heavenly Father



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe-ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child-ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro-lect - or nev - er slum-bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



*Please stand.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*When all have received Communion, the Priest leads the following prayer:*

Priest            Let us pray.

### ***In Unison***

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **The Easter Blessing**

Priest

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn # 182** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

## **Dismissal**

Priest            Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People            *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago  
Member of the Episcopal Church

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month 8:00 A.M. (spoken service)  
Every Sunday 10:30 A.M. (sung service)

Child care for infants & young children is available  
Sundays 9:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

**Christian Education Classes**

Sundays 9:30-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages.  
Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May  
Adults meet in the Conference Room at 9:15 A.M. year round

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**Our Wardens and Vestry**

Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Senior Warden, Marv Kombrink, Junior Warden  
Pat Brown, Treasurer, Gretchen Schlabach, Clerk  
Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach, Maureen Gerrity

## Today's Ministers

The Reverend Ed Bird	Presiding Clergy
Terry Dickow	Eucharistic Minister
Marilyn Cleland	Acolyte
Linda Lorbach	Lector
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns	Intercessor
Marv and Pam Kombrink	Ushers
Marilyn Cleland	Coffee Host
Peg Newby	Altar Guild
Mary Lincoln	Flower Guild
Peg Newby	PrayGround

<b>Today, Sunday April 15th, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter</b>		
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Conf. Room
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
Choir Rehearsal	10:00-10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room

<b>This Week - April 15th, 2018 through April 22nd, 2018</b>				
Wed	Apr 18	Holy Eucharist at OakCrest	2:00 P.M.	OakCrest
		Children's Waiting Room	3:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Apr 19	Lobster Boil Gift Presentation	2:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Apr 19	Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:15-5:45 P.M.	Parish Hall/Sanct
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 P.M.	Parish Hall/Sanct
Sat	Apr 21	Spring Cleanup and NIU Cares Day	9:00 AM-Noon	Inside/Outside
Sun	Apr 22	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Conf. Room
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## Announcements

**Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.**

### The Lobsters are Coming!

It is time to start thinking about Lobster Boil, which will occur on **Saturday May 19th**. Please mark your calendars! We need everyone to help out on that day. If anyone would like to help coordinate some of the Lobster Boil activities, please let me know. Thanks!  
Rick Johns, rjohns@niu.edu or 815-748-5896.

### Lobster Boil Gift Presentation

The presentation of proceeds from the 2017 Lobster Boil to the selected charities will be held on Thursday, **April 19th, at 2:00 P.M.** Representatives of the five charities we support with the Lobster Boil will be here to accept checks at this reception and your presence is welcomed.

### Parish Clean Up and NIU Cares Day - Inside and Out

Clean Up Day! On **Saturday April 21st, from 9 to Noon**, we are going to clean up the church ground, trim bushes, put new mulch down, and get the garden plots ready. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, and any else useful for cleanup. We are also a site for NIU Cares Day and a number of students will be here to help. Please bring some extra hand tools (no power tools) to share with the students. Thanks! Any questions, call Marv Kombrink at 630-485-0222.

If you are an inside person, Lorraine Langer and Freyja Rasmussen-Johns will be heading a crew to help clean up the inside of the church, also.

## **An Evening at Grace Place**

Grace Place is having an end of semester celebration and St. Paul's family is invited! **Saturday, April 28, 5:00-6:30 PM** at Grace Place, 401 Normal Road. Please come and get to know us better, enjoy refreshments and good company. Allow us to thank you for your constant support of our campus ministry by having you as our guests.

## **St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!**

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

## **For more information about St. Paul's**

Go to our website, [www.stpaulsdekalb.org](http://www.stpaulsdekalb.org) - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

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**Gloria: S 280** Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis, Setting Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc., *The 1982 Hymnal*.

**The Prayers of the People and Household Prayers.** Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

**Doxology, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, # 380, Vs. 3**

Words: Isaac Watts, para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken, Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; Louis Bourgeois., *The 1982 Hymnal*.

**Eucharistic Prayer 3:** Setting: David Hurd, from Music for the Eucharist, ©1995 Augsburg Fortress. Supplemental Episcopal Liturgy/Hymnal: *Enriching Our Worship*.

**Sanctus: S 125** The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord. Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx, Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc., *The 1982 Hymnal*.

**Fraction Anthem: S155** Alleluia. Christ our Passover sacrificed,  
Music: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942), Copyright © GIA Publications, Inc., *The 1982 Hymnal*.

**Communion Hymn** Children of the Heavenly Father, Words: Carolina Sandell-Berg, 1955; tr. Ernest W. Olson, 1925, Music: Swedish Folk Melody, Supplemental Episcopal Hymnal: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, #

**Prelude:** *Laudate Dominum* Raymond H. Haan

**Postlude:** *Resurrection* William Stickles

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal. I thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life than I did yesterday. Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others, and eyes to see the beauty in your world; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

*For all that has happened this day, O God, I give you thanks. Even for the obstacles I faced, I thank you. Especially when I wobbled in doubt, I thank you because I did not fall. You came to hold me strong and help me take the next step. Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms. Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good, bringing me to a new day with zeal for your gifts; in Jesus' name. Amen.*