

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!



**Second Sunday after Easter
April 8, 2018 10:30 A.M.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We stand to sing and pray.

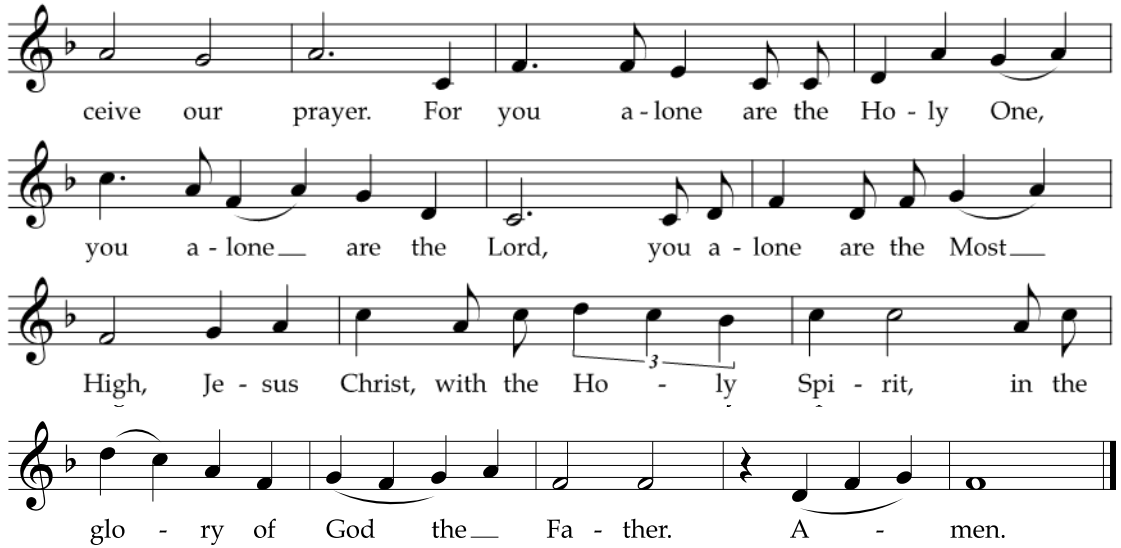
Processional Hymn # 192 This Joyful Eastertide

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We sit to hear the lessons.

The First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

Lector Let us read Psalm 133 together.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

1 John 1:1-2:2

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

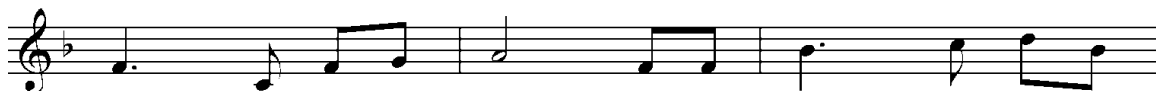
Gradual Hymn In the bulb, there is a flower



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -



tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -
dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our



flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
hope to you and me. From the past will come the
life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -



win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Second Sunday of Easter

Intercessor Living God, giver of life, hear us as we pray, saying,: Pour out your blessing, O Lord, send us your Spirit of peace.

We pray for the church. Let your church be a living sign of the woundedness and healing of Christ, sharing the gift of forgiveness and the gospel of reconciliation. 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 the Province of the Indian Ocean, for our companion Dioceses of Renk in the South Sudan and Southeast Mexico; for Congregations in the Elgin Deanery: St. Simon in Arlington Heights; St. Michael in Barrington; St. Mark in Barrington Hills; St. Martin in Des Plaines.

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

Intercessor We pray for all nations. Show us how good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity, and anoint us with your wisdom so that we may seek the ways of life.

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

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. We pray especially for our president, Donald, our governor, Bruce, and our mayor, Jerry.

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

Intercessor We pray for the earth. Help us to see the scars of death that mark your good creation, and to seek the blessing of life that you offer to all creatures.

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

Intercessor We pray for loved ones. Be near to those who walk in darkness and lead us all into Christ's light so that our fellowship may be true and our joy may be complete. 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, and Rosemarie.

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

Intercessor We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays, and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially for Martin and Jacqueline Mounts.

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

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

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

Intercessor For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now.
(*The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.*)

Silence

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People Send us your Spirit of peace.

Intercessor By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to live as we pray so that the world may come to know the gift of life in Christ our Lord. **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)

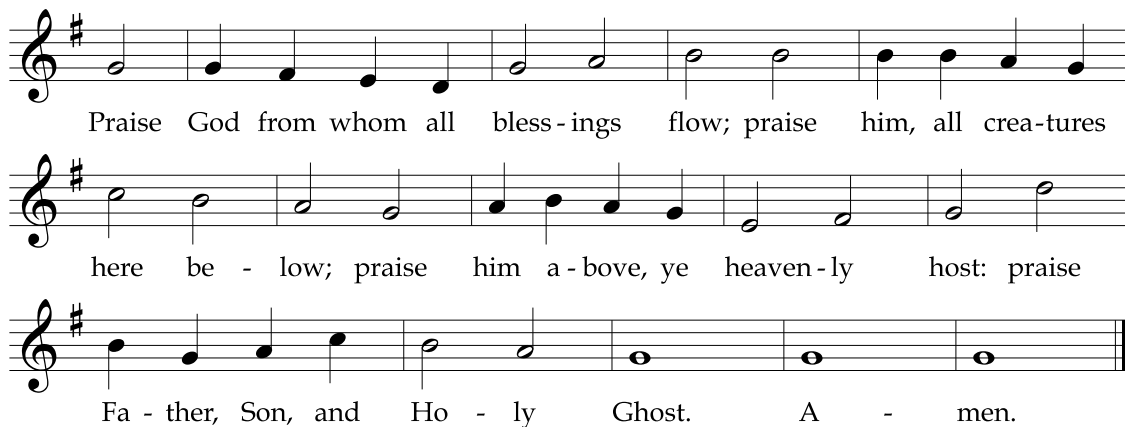
Offertory Anthem

The St. Paul's Choirs

With A Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Doxology Hymn # 380 v. 3



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.

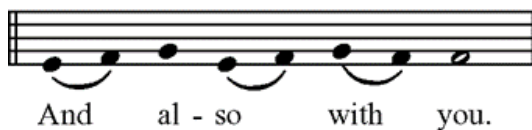
The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

Priest

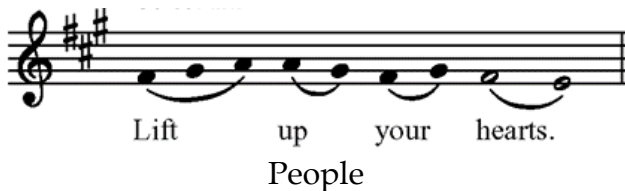


The Lord be with you.
People



And al - so with you.

Priest



Lift up your hearts.
People



We lift them to the Lord.

Priest



People



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.

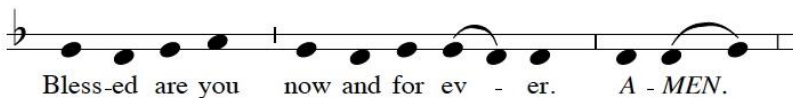
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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 # 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

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.

Remain standing.

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 # 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Easter Flower Offerings

Pat Brown

~In Thanksgiving for Laura, my Parents, and For Peace~

Ed Bird and Beth Lee

*~In Memory of Neal P. Lee, Edwin and Harriet Gabel
Robert and Jessie Lee, Edward and Louise Bird
John Bird, Bella Lee Bird, Tom and Nancy Bracken
Robert and Agnes Lee, Christopher Huff
May Light Perpetual Shine Upon them~*

Bill and Jennie Cummings

~In Honor of Our Families~

Jackie and Terry Dickow

~In Honor of Our Daughters~

Adam Frieberg and Heidi Haverkamp

~In Memory of Dorothy Raun~

Elizabeth George

~In Memory of Milo George and Doug George~

Maureen Gerrity

~In Memory of Little Pat Gerrity and Katya and Olivia Snyder~

Rick and Freyja Johns

~In Honor of our Parents, Children and Grandchildren ~

Henry Leonard

~In Memory of Priscilla P. Leonard~

Peggy Newby

~In Memory of Art Fields and Bob Newby~

Rhys and Jocelyn Prall

*~In Memory of Rev. Charles and Emily Brieant
Betsy Brieant Baer and Ivan Prall~*

Gretchen Schlabach and Lorraine Langer

~In Memory of Tom and Ruth Schlabach and Donald Langer ~

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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Kathleen Johnson, Organist Hannah Buckle, Pianist

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
Bill Cummings	Eucharistic Minister
Mechelle Goodenough	Acolyte
Jennie Cummings	Lector
Bill Cummings	Intercessor
Jane and George Nenonen	Ushers
Jocelyn Prall, Peg Newby, Kayla Krichner,	
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns	Brunch
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns	Altar Guild
Betsy Pool	Flower Guild
Jamie and Julie Stubblefield	PrayGround

Today, Sunday April 8th, 2018 Second Sunday of Easter		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
<i>No Sunday School today</i>		
Choir Rehearsal	10:00-10:20 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Low Sunday Brunch and Lobster Boil Kickoff	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

**Flowers on the altar today are donated by Rick Johns
In Memory of Marie Walkoviak**

This Week - April 8th, 201 through April 15th, 2018				
Thu	Apr 12	Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:15-5:45 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Apr 15	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

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.

The Lobster Boil Kickoff is today at the Low Sunday Brunch after the service.

Parish Clean Up and NIU Cares Day - Inside and Out

Clean Up Day! On **Saturday April 22nd, 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.

Food Pantry Collection is This Week

Parishioners are reminded that this Sunday, April 8, is Food Pantry Sunday. Please place your donations in the baskets provided. No glass jars, please. **Contributions may be made at any time during the month, not just today.** We hope that everyone will participate, even in a small way.

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

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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.

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Prelude: *Improvisation*, Roy E. Nolte

Postlude: *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!* Douglas E. Wagner

Household Prayer: Morning

God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day. By the power of your Spirit enable me to live in your light and seek the holy fellowship of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Be with me, Lord Jesus, at the evening of this day. Enter into my heart and fill it with your peace so that I may rejoice and rest in your presence. Amen.