

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*



God  
in Us

Walking in the Spirit

**Fourth Sunday of Pentecost – Proper 9**  
**July 7, 2019, 10:30 AM**

*“All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ.” The Rule of St. Benedict  
Everyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ  
is welcome to share the bread and wine of Communion.*

**Rite II**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Processional Hymn # 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Song of Praise

Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry to the Lord, glo-ry to the Lord God al-  
migh - ty. Who was, and is, and is to come;  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord.

### The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading from Scripture

2 Kings 5:1-14

Lector            A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Lector            Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
People            **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 30

Lector            Let us read Psalm 30 together responsively.

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
    because you have lifted me up \*  
    **and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
    **and you restored me to health.**
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
    **you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
    **give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
    **his favor for a lifetime.**

6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
**but joy comes in the morning.**

7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*"  
**You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**

8 Then you hid your face, \*  
**and I was filled with fear.**

9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
**I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
**O Lord, be my helper."**

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

## The Second Reading

Galatians 6:1-16

Lector            A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Lector            Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
 People            Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** *(repeat as desired)*

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line.

## The Gospel

## Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

## The Creed



I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor  
I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and  
I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing



of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and  
scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was  
all the saints with - in One church, cath - o - lic and



heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be -  
bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly died. I be -  
ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the



lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and  
lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the  
bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's



Christ, of the Spir - it and of  
grave, then as - cend - ed to God  
chain, gives the life that's ev - er -



Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
right - hand. He will come to judge and save.  
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

## The Prayers of the People - Form VI

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;  
**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey, our Bishop;  
and all bishops and other ministers;  
**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for Gail, Puzz, John Lind, Andy Senica, Colleen Wilson, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Myrna, Terry Costello, Donna, Mike Cristiani, Gervase, Christine, Albany and Harmony Langer, and Rosemarie.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;  
People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;  
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

### **Intercessor and People**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

**The Liturgy of the Table  
Holy Communion, Rite II**

**Eucharistic Prayer C**

**The Offertory Sentence**

This is what the Lord asks of you and only this: that you act justly,  
love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

*During the Offertory Anthem or hymn, the elements of bread and wine are taken to the altar. At the same time, the ushers will collect the monetary offering and take that to the altar before the Offertory Anthem or hymn is completed*

**Offertory Hymn # 334 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Priest           The Lord be with you.

**People           And also with you.**

Priest           Lift up your hearts.

**People           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           God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People           Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest           At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of  
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People           By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us  
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and  
betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets  
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the full-  
ness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to ful-  
fill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly  
chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all  
those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,  
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the  
Lord God al - migh - ty: who was, and is, and is to  
come; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Priest

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob, Ishmael and Hagar; Ruth and Naomi, Jonathan and David; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Priest

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

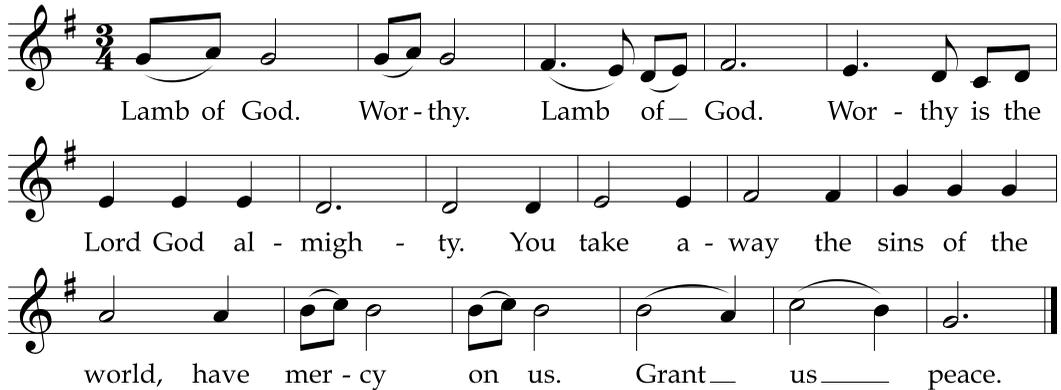
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are glad to say,

### In Unison

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### Lamb of God



Lamb of God. Wor - thy. Lamb of God. Wor - thy is the  
Lord God al - migh - ty. You take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy on us. Grant us peace.

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ  
is welcome to come forward to share the bread and wine at the Lord's table.  
We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.*

## **Communion Hymn # 321 My God, thy table now is spread**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Priest            Together, let us pray.

**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 Blessing**

Now go out into the world in peace. Have courage, hold fast to what is  
good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen those who are afraid, support  
the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. And God's blessing,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

## **Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings**

### **For Birthdays**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your  
servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in  
wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the  
days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Wedding Anniversaries**

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Travelers**

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn # 544 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun**

#### **Sending Forth**

Priest            Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**  
Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available  
Sundays 10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

**Christian Education Classes**  
Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.  
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, Sept.-May  
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Lorraine Langer, Director of Music  
Kathleen Johnson, Organist Hannah Buckle, Pianist  
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins, Nursery Attendants

**Our Wardens and Vestry,**  
Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,  
Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,  
Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,

Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira  
**Today's Ministers**

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Terry Dickow	Eucharistic Minister
Marilyn Cleland	Acolyte
Lynne Jacobson	Lector
Donna de Oliveira	Intercessor
Bill and Jennie Cummings	Ushers
Marilyn Cleland	Flower Guild
Jocelyn Prall	Altar Guild
Sandra Lee, Donna de Oliveira	Coffee Hour
Julie Rogers, Karyn Perkins	Nursery

<b>Today, Sunday, July 7, 2019, Fourth Sunday of Pentecost</b>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Conf. Room
Nursery and Childcare Available	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

<b>This Week - July 7, 2019 through July 14, 2019</b>				
Sat	Jul 13	Kids Hope USA Party	12:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Jul 14	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Conf. Room
		Nursery/Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee Hour	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Book Club	3:00 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.*

### **From Mother Barbara**

I have a huge request to make of everyone at the Episcopal Church of St. Paul, at least for the next year or so, while I am acclimating myself to St. Paul's culture and how you do things, as I hope to learn how best to support you all in your various endeavors as God's people. Please run all announcements, ideas for projects to enhance the life of the congregation, past me before sharing them generally with the congregation. This will help me to understand how things generically flow from your ministries and the overall ministry of St. Paul's into the community. I welcome everyone's observations regarding this and your feedback! Thank you.  
In Christ, Barbara+

### **Summer Adult Formation**

We will study The Book of Revelation through a series of discussions and video presentations of the work of two prominent scholars: Elaine Pagels, author of "Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation," and the Rev. Michael Battle's, "Heaven on Earth: God's Call to Community in the Book of Revelation," from **9 AM to 10 AM**, in the conference room. It would be helpful though not required, if participants get a copy of Elaine Pagel's book to read along with discussion. The course will run for 8 sessions.

### **Rector's Discretionary Fund Collection Today**

Donations allow us to assist people in need in our community. Checks can be written to "St. Paul's" with "Rector's Discretionary

Fund" in the memo. Thank you for your contributions to this important ministry.

### **Food Pantry Collection is Next Week, July 14th**

Parishioners are reminded that next Sunday, July 14th, will be Food Pantry Sunday. **Contributions may be made at any time during the month, not just on the 14th.** We hope that everyone will participate, even in a small way.

### **The Book Club**

The Book Club is meeting on **Sunday, July 14 at 3 pm** in the Fellowship Hall to discuss chapters 2 & 3 of Diedrich Bonhoeffer's Life Together. We will begin with a 15 minute Episcopalian liturgy of the rosary. All are welcome and rosary beads are optional.

### **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!

### **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!

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

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**The Creed.** Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) Music: *Domhnach Trionoide*, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), # 768 *Wonder Love and Praise*.

**Prelude** *To God Be the Glory*

**Postlude** *Rondeau*

Douglas E. Wagner

Joseph Mouret Arr., Diane Bish

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Each morning when we wake up we are reminded of your presence. The light of the sun, the sounds of the birds, your creation serves as witness of your love and your imagination. Let us take it all in and transform our awe into praises that those around us can hear each day and know that you are God. Amen.*

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

*We have heard your voice, O God. Through smiles, through words, through music, through tears, we have heard your voice! Give us the comfort of your presence as we begin to live out the end of our day, and allow us to have rest and the same peace that your disciples declared when they entered somebody's home and said, "Peace to this house." Amen.*

*A word about the Household Prayers:*

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.