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.
All are welcome, no exceptions!

Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 2, 2019, 10:30 AM
The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn # 542 Christ is the world’s true Light

Presider       Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Assembly       The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
The Collect of the Day

Presider   The Lord be with you.
Assembly   And also with you.

Presider   Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.
Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside
and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
Assembly Thanks be to God

Psalm 97

Lector Let us read Psalm 97 together responsively.

1 The LORD is King; 
   let the earth rejoice; * 
   let the multitude of the isles be glad. 
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, * 
   righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. 
3 A fire goes before him * 
   and burns up his enemies on every side. 
4 His lightnings light up the world; * 
   the earth sees it and is afraid. 
5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, * 
   at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 
6 The heavens declare his righteousness, * 
   and all the peoples see his glory. 
7 Confounded be all who worship carved images 
   and delight in false gods! * 
   Bow down before him, all you gods. 
8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * 
   because of your judgments, O LORD.
9 For you are the LORD,
   most high over all the earth; *
   you are exalted far above all gods.
10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
   he preserves the lives of his saints
   and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
   and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
   and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Reading  Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

Lector       A reading from the Book of Revelation.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:
"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to
everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the
beginning and the end."Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that
they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the
gates."It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the
churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning
star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
   And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
   And let everyone who is thirsty come.
   Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the
saints. Amen.

Lector       The Word of the Lord.
Assembly     Thanks be to God.
Gradual Hymn # 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

The Gospel

John 17:20-26

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Creed
Prayers of the People for Easter Season

Intercessor    Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying,
God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

I believe in God almighty, Author
I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and
I believe in God’s own Spirit, bonding
of all things that be, Maker of the earth and
scorned and crucified; taken from the cross, was
all the saints within One church, catholic and
heavens, Keeper of the sky and sea. I believe
buried—True Life there had truly died. I believe
holy, where forgiveness frees from sin; in the
lieve in God’s son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and
lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the
body’s resurrection, for the breaking of death’s
Christ, of the Spirit and of
grave, then ascended to God
chain gives the life that’s ever-
Mary born to bring abundant life.
right hand. He will come to judge and save.
last ing. This the faith that I have claimed.
With joy, we pray for all Christians who are united this morning at the empty tomb. Help us see you, O God, in those we do not expect to encounter and remove all fear from our hearts.

_Silence_

**Intercessor**  God in your mercy,

**Assembly**  **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor**  With gratitude, we give you thanks for our newly baptized sisters and brothers in every land. Guide them and keep them, open their eyes again and again to your blessings.

_Silence_

God in your mercy,

**Assembly**  **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor**  With humility, we pray for this planet, our home. Heal what we have scarred and broken; renew the face of Earth from north to south, from east to west so that your creation may speak to us of your goodness.

_Silence_

God in your mercy,

**Assembly**  **Hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor**  With hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world, especially those places overwhelmed by war and conflict. By the light of the resurrection, destroy the shroud that is cast over all who live under dictatorship, in the clutches of propagandists, and in ignorance. Bless peacemakers who work to bring justice to their country, city, village, and household.

_Silence_

**Intercessor**  God in your mercy,

**Assembly**  **Hear our prayer.**
Intercessor  With compassion, wipe away the tears of all who weep. Give us the spiritual tools we need to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort those who are in any trouble. Send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick. We pray especially for Gail, Puzz, John Lind, Tommie Vicente, Colleen Wilson, Joyce Kotvan, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Myrna, Terry Costello, Mike, and Rosemarie. 
Silence
God in your mercy,

Assembly  Hear our prayer.

Intercessor  Strengthen our church’s leaders, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our Diocesan Bishop, and Barbara our priest. *For our companion dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk in the South Sudan. 
Silence
God in your mercy,

Assembly  Hear our prayer.

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

Intercessor  God in your mercy,

Assembly  Hear our prayer.

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

Intercessor  God in your mercy,

Assembly  Hear our prayer.
Intercessor    Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray. Amen

The Peace

Presider    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly    And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table
Holy Communion, Rite II

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 Anthem
The St. Paul’s Choirs

Panis Angelicus    César Franck OR
Soli Deo Gloria    Michael Praetorius, Arr., Hal Hopson

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider    The Lord be with you.
Assembly    And also with you.
Presider    Lift up your hearts.
Assembly    We lift them to the Lord.
Presider    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly    It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider
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: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Presider
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:

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

Presider
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.

Assembly  Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen

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

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover S 155

Presider  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 ("host") and wine at the Lord’s table. 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 offer a blessing for you.

**Communion Hymn** #341 For the bread which you have broken

**Prayer after Communion**

Presider  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 Easter Blessing**
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

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings
Birthday
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.**

Wedding Anniversary
Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of 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.**

Travel
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 We all are one in mission

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
   our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
   Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
   A single, great commission compels us from above
   to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace.

3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality.
   the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
   Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
   so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.

4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
   Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
   We all are one in mission, we all are one in call.
   free reconciliation and hope amid despair.

Sending Forth

Presider
Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!
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

Christian Education Classes
Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 AM
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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The Reverend Heidi Haverkamp, Priest Associate
Susan King, Administrative Assistant
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
Gretchen Schlabach  Eucharistic Minister
Marilyn Cleland  Second Chalice
Gretchen Schlabach  Acolyte
Jacob Maas  Lector
Marilyn Cleland  Intercessor
Jane and George Nenonen  Ushers
Marilyn Cleland  Flower Guild
Peg Newby  Altar Guild
Marilyn and Cliff Cleland  Coffee Hour
Karyn Perkins, Julie Rogers  Nursery

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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.

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+

The St. Paul’s Choirs Schedule

Will be singing with our worship services up through Pentecost. The choirs will be singing for Pentecost Sunday, June 9th and will then be off for the summer, returning for rehearsals Thursday, September 5th and Sunday worship services starting September 9th.

Garden Blessings

Have you checked out the Garden in back? The rain finally stopped long enough to plant! The front beds will be planted with flowers and they are looking for any perennials you might be able to share. There will be a Garden Blessing after the service on June 9th.
**Summer Programming**

A **Children’s Eucharist** is planned for Pentecost Sunday, **June 9th**, with special roles for the children during the service.

**Mindfulness Meditation** on Fridays will be cancelled for the summer months.

**Movie Nights** will resume on Friday, **June 28th** with the movie, *Inside Out*: When 11-year-old Riley moves to a new city, her emotions team up to help her through the transition. Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness work together, but when Joy and Sadness get lost, they must journey through unfamiliar places to get back home." Entertaining for kids but also relevant and entertaining to adults. Domino's basic Pepperoni or all cheese pizza provided once everyone arrives for a "head count." Some soft drinks provided or BYO. Let's assemble in the Parish Hall at 6 PM. The movie runs about an hour and a half--should be fun!

**Summer Adult Formation** 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, beginning June 16th**, in the conference room, with a **repeat on Mondays at 6:00 PM, beginning June 17th**. 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 about 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.

**Communication!!!!!!**

There are a lot of things happening at St. Paul’s! A new form has been developed so that the office can keep up with events and programs and be sure information is communicated to all who should know.

In addition, the new Audio Video System in the Parish Hall has many capabilities for streaming, playing DVD’s, slide shows, music, etc. To both ends, we are asking that you fill out a Communication and Tech Request Form for your events and email or turn it in to the office.

Copies of the form will be available in the Parish Office and on the table in the Parish Hall. If you need help putting an announcement together, Susan is happy to assist.

**For more information about St. Paul’s**

Go to our website, 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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We all are one in mission. Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955) Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948), # 778 Wonder Love and Praise.
Household Prayer: Morning

Good and gracious God, we rise with the morning light to give you thanks for rest and dreams, for warmth and safety, for the delight we have again today in a life filled with your goodness. Keep us in your care this day that we may walk in your path, glad for our friends, praying for our enemies, and eager to hear your Word; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, for all that we have done and failed to do this day we turn to you for respite. Forgive us for having shunned your desires; rejoice with us over moments that have filled us with joy. Bless your people in every land with peace. Protect us now through the night that we may wake again to praise your name. Let the Holy Spirit abide in 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.