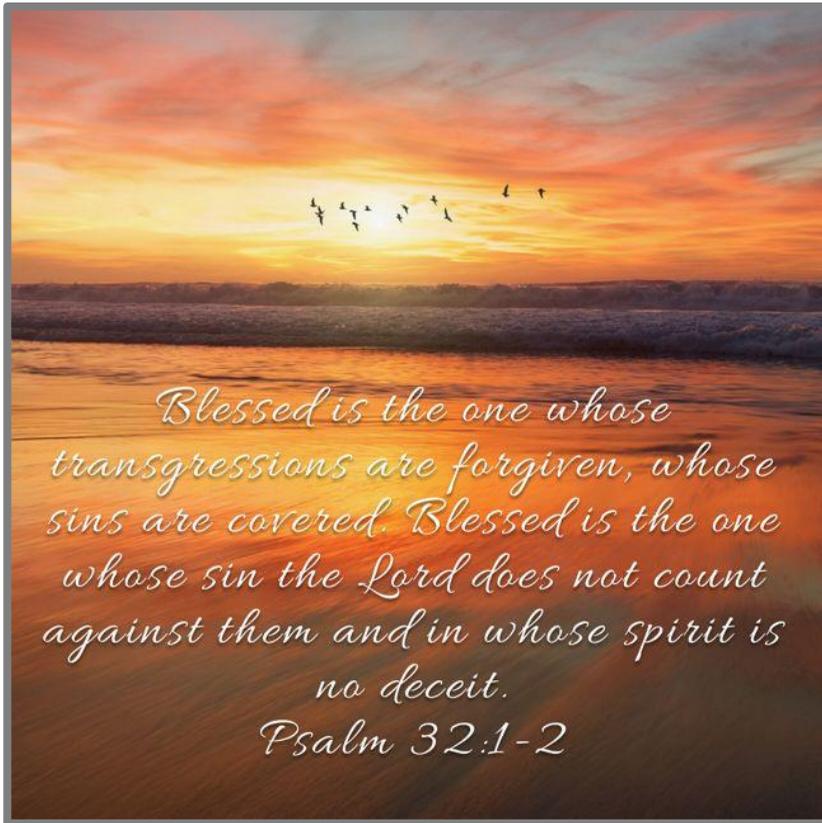


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*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!*



*Blessed is the one whose  
transgressions are forgiven, whose  
sins are covered. Blessed is the one  
whose sin the Lord does not count  
against them and in whose spirit is  
no deceit.*

*Psalm 32:1-2*

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 31, 2019, 8:00 A.M.  
Rite I**

# The Holy Eucharist Rite I

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Acclamation

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Priest Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People His mercy endureth for ever.**

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

### The Decalogue

Priest God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Honor thy father and thy mother.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Thou shalt do no murder.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Thou shalt not steal.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Priest Thou shalt not covet.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

## Confession of Sin

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Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

*Silence*

**People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Priest The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

**Joshua 5:9-12**

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."'

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

**People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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**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**

Intercessor    I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Jeff; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_].  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.  
We especially pray this week for Gail, Puzz, John Lind, Tommie Vicente, Dan Wilson, Colleen Wilson, Joyce Kotvan, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Myrna, Terry Costello, and Rosemarie.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_\_ whom we remember today].  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and  
strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Peace**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People And of thine own have we given thee.**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

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#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Priest The Lord be with you

**People And with thy spirit**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**All**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Priest

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Priest:            The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(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.)*

Priest            Let us pray.

**In Unison**

**Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings**

**Priest**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Jackie Dickow, Mary Lincoln, and Gail Piper 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.**

**Priest**

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.**

**Priest**

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.**

### **The Blessing**

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Priest        The peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

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 9:15 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, 9:30-10:15 AM  
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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**Our Wardens and Vestry,**

Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,

Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,

**This Week at St. Paul's**

<b>Today, Sunday, March 31, 2019, Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

<b>This Week - March 31, 2019 through April 7, 2019</b>				
Tue	Apr 2	Grace Place Dinner	6:00 P.M.	Grace Place
Wed	Apr 3	Adult Formation	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Apr 4	Book Club	5:30 P.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
Fri	Apr 5	Mindfulness Meditation	12:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
Sun	Apr 7	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Formation.	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Kids Hope USA	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
		Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
		Nursery/ Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Garden Meeting	1:00 P.M.	Parish Hall

## **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+

### **Palm Sunday Passion Reading**

We will read the Palm Sunday Passion Gospel in a Reader's Theatre format at the 10:30 AM service. If you are interested in participating and have questions, please talk to Lynne Jacobson or Lorraine Langer.

### **Lent and Adult Formation**

This year, we will be observing the season with a Wednesday evening soup and bread supper together with focused group study of Fr. Richard Rohr's, "Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy." The study begins by

tackling the question of what Christians actually mean when we say, “Jesus died for our sins.” For those who cannot make the Wednesday evening sessions, the same talk will take place **on Sundays** at 9 AM through Lent. It is hoped that St. Paul’s folk will be joined by others from the larger community who may be interested in the discussions or may just want to sample the soup!

### **Mindfulness Meditation**

A new group is forming for Mindfulness Meditation with Mother Barbara, offering guidance in mindfulness meditation. The sessions will be held on **Fridays at noon in the Sanctuary** to provide an opportunity to sit in holy silence with others to share the present moment. Each session will be a little less than an hour in duration.

### **Cardboard Boxes for the Garden**

Do you have any empty cardboard boxes? If they are clean, mostly brown, and not waxy or glossy, the church garden team would love to have them to line the aisles of the church garden and raspberry patch and keep down weeds. To donate, break them down flat and bring them to the parish hall by. We'll need dozens. Plan to come to next week’s Garden Meeting on **April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**. Questions? Contact Jacob Maas (jacob.maas95@gmail.com) or Heidi Haverkamp (heidiruthha@gmail.com).

### **Book Club**

Our next meeting is **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – everyone, please note – at 5:30 pm downstairs in the basement. (It’s filled with light.). We are each bringing a book or book title we would like to read we’ll talk, and then we’ll decide which one is our next book.

### **Kids Hope USA**

KHUSA mentors and prayer partners will meet in the KHUSA in the St. Timothy Center room on **Sunday, April 7**, at 9:30 AM, for a

debriefing. Coffee and donuts! Mentors meet with students every Wednesday at noon at Lincoln Elementary.

### **Cleanup Day!**

Every year we spend a Saturday morning cleaning up the church grounds. We do this in coordination with NIU Cares Day, which means we will have many student helpers. This year it's going to be **Saturday, April 13**, from 9 to 12. Please mark your calendars! Any questions, talk to Rick Johns or call at 815-217-4849.

For those who would prefer to work indoors on that day, the Altar Guild will be cleaning the brass candlesticks, and there will be folks cleaning in the kitchen and washing windows in the Parish Hall. Check with Peg Newby or Jocelyn Prall for questions.

### **Celebration of New Ministry**

We will celebrate The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson's installation as Rector at St. Paul's on **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 PM. The Right Reverend Jeffrey Lee will preside and The Reverend David Pike will preach. A reception will follow. All are welcome! Evite invitations have been sent - please remember to respond by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Sycamore will install The Reverend George Jalouf on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Those interested in attending can contact Jennie Cummings.

### **We are Now Taking Easter Flower Donations!**

It's that time of year again! We are now taking donations for Easter flowers in memoriam or in thanksgiving. Place your check in the flower envelope and please write your name and the dedication that you would like to see in the bulletin on the envelope. Please write checks out to St. Paul's with "Easter flowers" as the memo and place them in the collection or leave them in the Parish Office. The deadline to send in flower donations for Easter is **April 14th**.

### **The Lobsters are Coming!**

But fortunately not quite yet. It is time to start thinking about Lobster Boil, which will occur on **Saturday May 18th**. 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. We will have an organizational meeting soon. Thanks! Rick Johns, rjohns@niu.edu or 815-748-5896.

### **Rite I Service**

The Rite I spoken service will now be held every Sunday, including the fifth Sundays of the month.

### **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](http://www.stpaulsdekalb.org) - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook! 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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**Prayers of the People:** Book of Common Prayer, Form II

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

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Loving God, in all I do this day, use me as a sign of your reconciling love. Let me not view anyone from a human point of view, but let me see all whom I will encounter with the eyes of Christ, through whom I pray. Amen.*

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Merciful God, if like the Prodigal Son I have strayed from you this day, call me back to your loving embrace. If like the elder son, I have harbored resentment for the grace you give to others, reprove me. Help me claim in thought and deed the inheritance of the saints who share with Jesus compassion and forgiveness to all who lose their way. 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