

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!



**The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23
October 14, 2018 10:30 A.M.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We stand to sing and pray.

Processional Hymn # 615 “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth.— Lord God, hea-ven-ly 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, on - ly 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 - Proper 23

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

We sit to hear the lessons.

The First Lesson

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Amos.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 90:12-17

Lector Let us read sections of Psalm 90 together.

12 So teach us to number our days *
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.

- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

We stand to sing and hear the Gospel.

**Gradual Hymn # 707 Take my life, and let it be
The Gospel**

Mark 10:17-31

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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 Masai Creed.

The Masai Creed

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created Man and wanted Man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the Earth. We have known this High God in darkness, and now we know Him in the light. God promised in the book of His word, the Bible, that He would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good His promise by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left His home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, He rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through Him. All who have faith in Him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the Good News to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for Him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

About the Masai Creed - *This is a beautiful expression of the Christian faith from an African perspective. This creed was composed in 1960 by the Masai people of East Africa in collaboration with missionaries from the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. The creed attempts to express the*

essentials of the Christian faith within the Masai culture. Jaroslav Pelikan, a modern scholars of creeds and their history, considers the Masai Creed to be an excellent example of the bringing together of universal faith and local experience. It speaks wonderfully to us today.

Prayers of the People - Form III, Book of Common Prayer

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We remember before you those in need of your care, especially for Gail, Zachary, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Michele and family, Rene, Myrna, Terry Costello, the Langer family, and Rosemarie.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

Silence

Intercessor We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays this week; especially for Linda Lorbach; and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Marv and Pam Kombrink.

Priest O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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."

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23, 24)

Offertory Anthem

The St. Paul's Choirs

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Hymn #11, Vs. 4

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

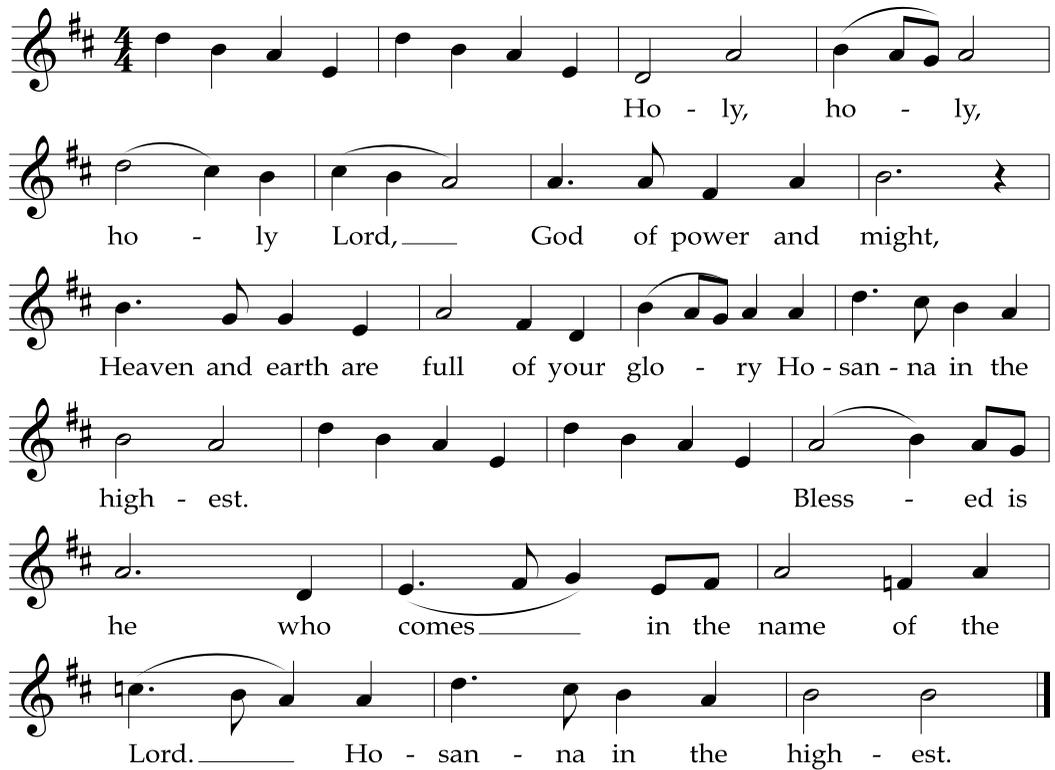
Priest

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We remain standing or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate

from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

We re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, we a - wait — his com - ing in glo - ry.

Priest

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*
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: Lamb of God, Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: ___ have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: ___ grant us peace.

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 # 655 O Jesus, I have promised

Prayer after Communion

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

Please stand.

Priest Let us pray.

In Unison

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

The Blessing

Priest

God bless you. God keep you. *Amen.*

The face of God shine upon you. *Amen.*

God's grace and peace upon you. *Amen.*

May the blessing of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three in one and one in three, guard you, save you and bring you to that heavenly city where God's grace is law. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn # 408 Sing praise to God who reigns above

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**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month 8:00 A.M. (spoken service)
Every Sunday 10:30 A.M. (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 9:00-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center, 9:30 AM
Adult Formation:
Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 PM and Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM

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Our Wardens and Vestry

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

Today's Ministers

Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Nursery
Rick and Freyja Johns	Coffee Hour Host
Betsy Pool	Flower Guild
Jocelyn Prall	Altar Guild
Jamie Stubblefield	Usher
Jacob Maas	Intercessor
Henry Leonard	Lector
Luke Stubblefield	Acolyte
Bill Cummings	Eucharistic Minister
The Reverend Ed Bird	Presiding Clergy

Today, Sunday, October 14, 2018		
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Practice	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee Hour and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room
Crop Walk Rest Stop	3:00-5:30 P.M.	Front Lawn

**Flowers on the altar today are given by Brad and Rebecca Smith
 In Memory of Sid and Georgia Bolton**

This Week - October 14, 2018 through October 21, 2018			
Tue	Oct 16	Garden Meeting	8:00 A.M. Garden
Wed	Oct 17	OakCrest Service	2:00 P.M. OakCrest
		Adult Formation	6:30-8:00 P.M. Parish Hall

Thu	Oct 18	Book Club	5:30 P.M.	Conf. Room
		Children's Choir Rehearsal (TBD)		Parish Hall
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Oct 21	Adult Formation	9:00-10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Nursery/ Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St.Timothy Ctr
		Children's Sunday School.	9:30 A.M.	St.TimothyCtr.
		Choir Practice	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Anniversary Luncheon	11:30 A.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.

Adult Christian Formation

Adult Formation will continue **today** and on **October 17th** with Fr. Ed leading **Episcopal 101** (this is your chance to ask any questions) on Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM and again on Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00 AM. In **November** we will keep the same times for Adult Formation and feature some awesome and fun **TedTalks**.

The first Book Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **October 18th**, from 5:30-7:00 P.M. Please contact Marilyn Cleland if you have questions or ideas.

Crop Walk

The Sondra King Memorial CROP Hunger Walk to help those in need of food will be held **today, October 14th**. The walk will step off from the First Congregational United Church of Christ in DeKalb at 3:00 P.M. St. Paul's will be a rest stop halfway through the longer walk and volunteers will be needed to distribute water and give directions. Please contact Henry Leonard or Rick Johns for more

information. To make a donation or to register to walk, go to <http://www.crophungerwalk/dekalbil>.

Food Pantry Collection is Today

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

All Saint's Sunday Remembrance, November 4th

Join us in celebrating and mindfully mourning the saints in your life! You may be thinking of; a lost family member or friend or pet, a lost job or career. You may be thinking of the losses that you and others at the parish of St. Paul's have experienced over the last year, or several years. All of these experiences matter to you, to us!

Join the kids in the parish hall during coffee hour (or any other time you might like) throughout the month of October, to create a note, picture, drawing, poem, etc., as a symbol or expression of the saints in your life! Additionally, pictures can be placed of those whom we remember as teaching and inspiring us in our faith. You may want to write a short remembrance or share a saintly quality embodied by a loved one. You can put the names of those you'd like to remember on All Saints Sunday on the list in the Parish Hall, too.

St. Paul's Community Garden

We have weekly garden work times for anyone interested in weeding, planting, watering, harvesting and fellowship. **These will be on Tuesdays at 8:00 AM** for about an hour. We will continue harvest until the garden naturally is frosted out. We have just planted some fall greens and we will have brussels sprouts,

broccoli, collards, kale and winter squash to harvest, probably through the end of November.

Episcopal Relief Services – Hurricane Relief Funds

Those wishing to donate to relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Florence may find a donation page on the Episcopal Relief website, <http://www.episcopalrelief.org>.

Grace Place Meals

NIU Grace Place campus ministry will be holding their worship night which includes a meal on Tuesday nights at 6pm for the fall semester. St. Paul's has been providing one or two meals most semesters for several years. If you are interested in helping provide a meal this semester on **October 23rd**, please contact Jocelyn Prall at church or rhy sprall@comcast.net for more details.

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

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis S 20, **Holy, holy, holy Lord:** Sanctus S 23 Fraction Anthem, **Lamb of God:** Agnus Dei, S 27, Setting: **Peter Crisafulli**, from *Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II*, © 2002, Supplemental Episcopal Hymnal, *Enriching Our Music 1 & 2*.

Memorial Acclamation: We remember his death, Setting: **Richard R. Webster**, from Mass in the Lydian Mode, Supplemental Episcopal Hymnal: Enriching Our Music 1 & 2 # 65, Advent Press, © 2001.

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: Awake, my soul, and with the sun, # 11, Vs. 4, Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt., Music: Morning Hymn, melody François Hippolyte Barthélémon (1741-1808); harm., *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year, 1917*, and *The 1982 Hymnal*.

Prelude: *Adagio Sonata No. 1 in F minor* Felix Mendelssohn, Arr., Edwin Lemare

Postlude: *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello, Arr., Diane Bish

Household Prayer: Morning

As I open my eyes, I want to feel your Word, living and active and guiding my way. I want to live knowing that what is impossible for me is possible for you. I want to live with the certitude that those who are first will be last, and the last will be first. Give me the courage and the hope to live with your words in my mind for the rest of the day. In Jesus Christ, my teacher, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As I lay down to rest, I look at the times in my day when my heart has felt like fainting, and I have felt like

arguing, but I do so with the understanding that even in my deepest sorrow you were with me. Thank you, God, for understanding and for helping this human being who, if imperfectly, strives to seek out your face, to follow your will, and to understand your Word. Give me the rest I need to live day by day and step by step. In the name of my example and my strength, Jesus Christ. Amen.