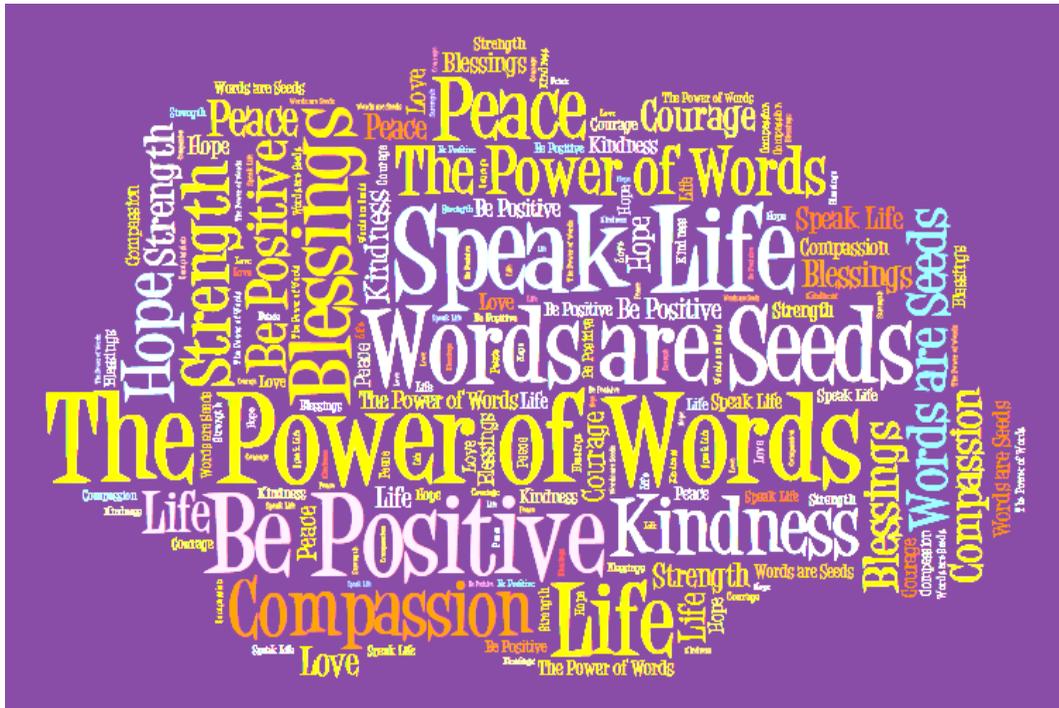


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19
September 16, 2018 10:30 A.M.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We stand to sing and pray.

Processional Hymn # 525 The Church's one foundation

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 19

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We sit to hear the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-8

Lector Let us read sections of Psalm 116 together.

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.
7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

The Second Lesson

James 3:1-12

Lector A reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

We stand to sing and hear the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn #675 Take up your cross

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Ed Bird

Silence for meditation

We stand to affirm our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – 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 Henry and Donetta, Gail, Zachary, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Michele and family, Rene, Myrna, 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 Lorraine Langer; and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week.

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

Thanks Be to God Andreas Hammerschmidt

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
 heavenly 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 # 312 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

Prayer after Communion

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

Priest Let us pray.

In Unison

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

Please stand.

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 # 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

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
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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 9:30-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May
Adults meet in the Conference Room. September-May

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Gretchen Schlabach

The Reverend Ed Bird

Nursery

Coffee Hour Host

Flower Guild

Altar Guild

Ushers

Intercessor

Lector

Acolyte

Eucharistic Minister

Presiding Clergy

Today, Sunday, September 16, 2018		
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost		
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

This Week - September 16, 2018 through September 23, 2018			
Tue	Sep 18	Garden Meeting	8:00 A.M. Garden
Wed	Sep 19	OakCrest Service	2:00 P.M. OakCret
Thu	Sep 20	Children's Choir Rehearsal (TBD)	Parish Hall
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 P.M. Parish Hall
Fri	Sep 21	Movie Night	5:00 P.M. Parish Hall
Sun	Sep 23	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I.	8:00 A.M. Sanctuary
		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
		Coffee Hour	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.

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 through September.

Choirs

The Children's Choir rehearsals: TBD.

The Adult/Youth Choir rehearsals: Thursdays 7-9 PM.

Sunday morning warm up and anthem rehearsal: 10:15 AM.

Movie Night

All are invited to our Family Movie Night on Friday, Sept. 21! Grilling starts at 5 PM with a Family Movie following. More info forthcoming.

Christian Formation

Adult Formation will begin **October 3rd** 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**.

We are also talking about forming a Book Club. Please contact Marilyn Cleland if you have some interest and ideas.

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 in the latter half of October, please contact Jocelyn Prall at church or rhySprall@comcast.net for more details.

Remember Our Shut Ins

Members who cannot get out and about are grateful for contact from fellow members – phone calls, notes, emails, or visits. Gail Piper would especially love some contact – her number is 815-995-3435, email is smsitzes@yahoo.com, and address is 833 Ridge Drive, #403 in DeKalb.

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!

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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*.

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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: *Solemn Processional* G. F. Handel
Postlude: *Hornpipe* G.F. Handel, Arr., Diane Bish

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, God, for this good night and day, for time to sleep and wake, for dark and light, for silence and noise, for stillness and movement, for my body, mind, and heart. Give me the strength today to bear my cross with patience so that whoever I meet will find a moment of calm in my presence because of you. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for this good day and now for night, for all that has transpired in the last hours, for the food I have been given, for the work I have had to do, for the exercise, for breathing, for what my ears have heard, for friends, for coworkers, and for what I have seen growing in the soil and shining in the sunlight. Guard me now as I sleep and give me good rest for the sake of the tasks you have set before me tomorrow. I pray for your peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.