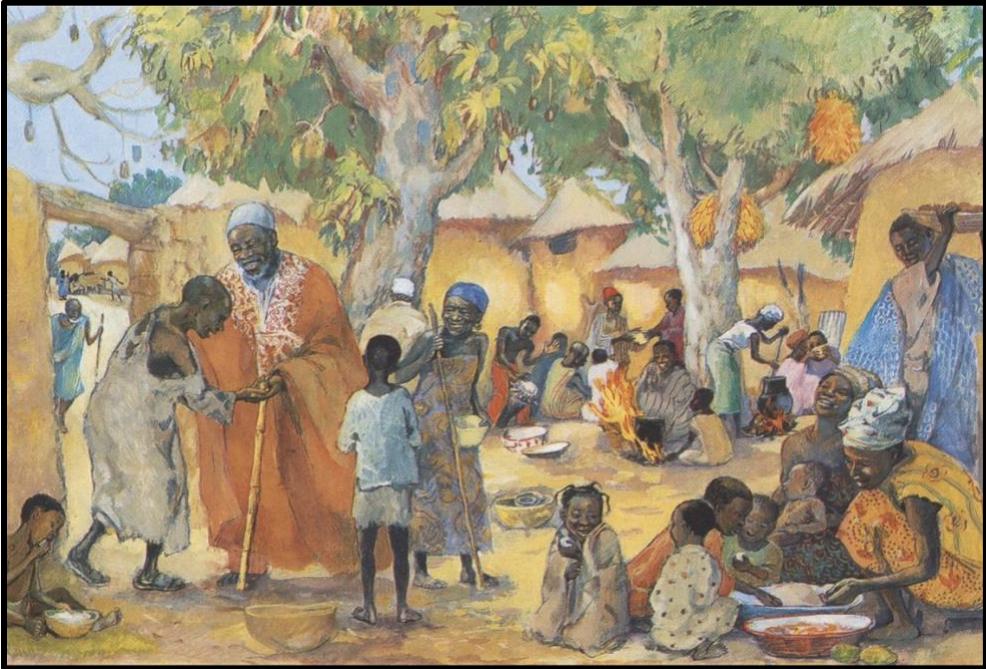


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*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.*



**Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost – Proper 17**

**September 1, 2019, 8:00 A.M.**

*“All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ.”*

*The Rule of St. Benedict*

*Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.*

**Rite I**

**The Holy Eucharist Rite I  
The Liturgy of the Word**

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

**People**                      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

**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 thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Gloria**

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,**

**we worship thee,**

**we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,**

**receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;**

**thou only art the Lord;**

**thou only, O Christ,**

**with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Proper 17

Priest                    The Lord be with you.  
People                    **And with thy spirit.**  
Priest                    Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.  
People           **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 81:1,10-16**

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
**and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**
- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
**"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
**and Israel would not obey me.**
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
**to follow their own devices.**
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
**that Israel would walk in my ways!**
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
**and turn my hand against their foes.**
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  
**and their punishment would last for ever.**
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
**and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

So we can say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector            The Word of the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher!'; then you will be honored in the presence of all

who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Priest                      The Gospel of the Lord.

People                      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

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.**

### **The Prayers of the People - Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

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;  
**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    For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray  
                         especially for Gail, Puzz, George, Mike, and Rosemarie.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

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

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence may be kept.*

### **Intercessor and People**

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

Priest

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

### **The Peace**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

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**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Priest The Lord be with thee.

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.

*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. We have gluten free hosts available.*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

### **The Blessing**

May God bless us with *discomfort* at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with *anger* at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with *tears* to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough *foolishness* to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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

### **For Birthdays**

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

### **For Wedding Anniversaries**

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

### **For Travelers**

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

### **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 10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

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

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Susan King, Administrative Assistant  
Lorraine Langer, Director of Music  
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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

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

<b>Today, Sunday, September 1, 2019, Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost</b>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
KHUSA Debriefing Meeting	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Nursery and Childcare Available	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

**Flowers on the altar today are given by Jennie and Bill Cummings**

<b>This Week - September 1, 2019 through September 8, 2019</b>			
Mon	Sep 2	Labor Day - Parish Office Closed	
Thu	Sep 5	Children's Choir Rehearsal. 6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sat	Sep 7	Listening Session for Bishop Search 1:00 P.M.	St. Peter's - Sycamore
Sun	Sep 8	Holy Eucharist, Rite I 8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Formation 9:00 A.M.	Conf. Room

		Nursery/Childcare 9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Children's Sunday School 9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Choir Rehearsal 10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship 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.*

#### **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 Assembly. 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+

#### **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.

#### **Choir News**

The St. Paul's Choirs will start back with rehearsals on **Thursday, September 5th**: Children's Choir 6:00pm, and the Adult/Youth 7:00 pm. The choirs will join worship services beginning Sunday, September 8, 2019, 10:30am. All are welcome!

### **Listening Session at St. Peter's**

The Search and Nomination Committee to select the 13th Bishop of Chicago is holding listening sessions throughout the diocese. St. Peter's in Sycamore, 218 Somonauk St., will host a session on **Saturday, September 7th** from 1-2:30 PM.

### **Adult Formation**

Beginning on **Sunday, September 8th**, Adult Formation will again focus upon the Bible, with a five part series on a book by Pete Enns, "The Bible Tells Me So . . . Why defending scripture has made us unable to read it." The format will be comprised of a video presentation by Pete Enns combined with group discussion. It will be necessary for participants to read the book as we go along.

### **St. Paul's Book Club**

*All St. Paul's Readers.*

**Book.** Our book club begins its fall season with a new book, *The Changing Face of God*. It's a short book, but don't let that frighten you. It's also a challenging book, perhaps even provocative. Find it on Amazon. Find intelligent and, sometimes, provocative conversation among readers.

**Date and Time.** We're meeting on **Friday, September 13th (we know, we know) at 5:00 pm**. There will be some snacks, but if you want to brown bag it for yourself, that will be fine.

**Place.** We're gathering at the home of Marilyn Cleland, 518 S. 2nd St., DeKalb. Please let us know if you're coming via email, [ritamackall@comcast.net](mailto:ritamackall@comcast.net). See you then.

### **Food Pantry Collection is Next Week, September 8**

Parishioners are reminded that next Sunday, September 8, will be Food Pantry Sunday. **Contributions may be made at any time during the month, not just on the 8th.** We hope that everyone will participate, even in a small way.

### **For more information about St. Paul's**

Go to our website, [www.stpaulsdekab.org](http://www.stpaulsdekab.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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### **The Prayers of the People, Book of Common Prayer, Form III**

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

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*God, in the freshness of the new day, help us to retain clarity of vision so that we might seek the honor of your kingdom rather than the honor of the world. Sustain us throughout the day so that we might return filled by the grace of your spirit. Amen.*

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

*God of compassion, help us to release the regrets of the day into your care. Refresh us in our sleep, that we may rise in the morning confident in your love and strengthened in our faith.  
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