

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.*



Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost – Proper 18
September 8, 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 18

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Lesson

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear
of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray
that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all
the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do
your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul,
do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become
during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is
indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own
heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of
service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I
preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed
might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he
was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back
forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--
especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the
Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome
me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to
my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say
nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have
this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of
your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more
than I say.

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

- Intercessor Christ, who is the healing salve for the world: You welcomed children and blessed them. We pray for children in our world who experience no such welcome: refugees from violence-riven countries; victims of adult exploitation; pressed into the violence of adult wars.
- People** **May we give comfort and support to those who have been robbed of their childhood by the relentless drive of human hatred and greed.**
- Intercessor You were moved to tears by the needs of others: so we pray for victims of injustice and prejudice, those taunted, despised or slandered simply because of the color of their skin, their sexuality, their social standing or simply their outward appearance.
- People** **May we be willing to celebrate differences and support those who have been robbed of dignity.**
- Intercessor You restored to health, those who were sick: so we pray for loved ones who are ill at this time; all those in pain; those without hope of recovery; those distressed in mind; those held prisoner by

unseen chains of hopelessness; those who grieve and cannot let go. We pray especially for Gail, Puz, George, Mike, and Rosemarie.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

People **May we, acting in your name, offer comfort to those who have been deprived of peace and who are longing for your presence.**

Intercessor You call us to abandon violence even in the midst of violence, and to follow the way of peace. Help us put an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods. May we refrain from the use of hostile words or tone of voice in what we say to one another in haste and anger; in the demeaning of friends behind their backs; in naming others by our stereotypes and prejudice.

People **Christ, you stood silent before unjust accusations, forgive our quick tongues and ugly words. Teach us your grace in speaking with others and about others. Help us to put away our weapons.**

Intercessor You challenged the structural inequalities of your time. In our time, unjust economic order still exists – maintained to benefit only a few.

People **May we move from lethargy to action as we seek change by rejecting injustice as though it were a normal part of life and with determination, work for the common good.**

Intercessor You called disciples to follow and learn from your words and example, which strives now to be your Church in the world working through the power of your Holy Spirit to bring about your healing, peace and justice in this world.

People **Bless our Presiding Bishop Michael, our own Bishop, Jeff and all other ministers of your Word and sacraments. Bless and unify your broken Church in the world and in our nation.**

Priest

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life, when you act, there is justice and love. Accept these, the prayers of your faithful people, and open our eyes and hearts to see your loving response in our own lives and in the lives of your holy people everywhere. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your minds and hearts on the love of God and of God's son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of our amazing, loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among this day and 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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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

Today, Sunday, September 8, 2019, Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost		
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.	Conf. Room
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Anthem Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - September 8 through September 15, 2019				
Thu	Sept 12	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Fri	Sept 13	Book Club (Cleland's Home)	5:30 P.M.	Cleland's
Sun	Sept 15	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery/Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Conf. Room
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		Choir Anthem 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
		Vestry Meeting	12:00 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 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+

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!

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* by x. 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. See you then.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday September 15, 12 PM

As you may know, the Vestry meetings are always open to the congregation. So in hope of improving communication, achieving greater transparency and parish engagement, we are holding the meeting in the parish hall right after the 10:30 AM service. While only vestry members may speak and vote at the meeting, anyone may observe and later share any questions and comments with Mthr. Barbara, the wardens and vestry members. If you want an item to be discussed, please share your request to Mthr. Barbara a few days in advance of the meeting so that we can get it on the agenda.

Choir News

The St. Paul's Choirs are back in rehearsals and singing for Sunday morning worship at the 10:30 AM services. Thursday Choir Rehearsals: Children's Choir 6:00pm, and the Adult/Youth Choir 7:00 pm.

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! 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 Prayer: Morning

I greet this new day with joy, O Lord, for you are my light and my hope. Do not let me fall prey to the anxieties of this world, or be tempted by false charms, but keep me ever faithful to you, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy Comforter, Protector, and Deliverer, at the close of this day I entrust to you all my life and all those I hold dear, knowing that your tender mercies cover all my failings and all my fears. Thank you for your unending love. 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