



Today is a
NEW day!

You can ^{start fresh}  Wipe the SLATE ^{CLEAN}
& BEGIN again.

TODAY
You can

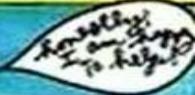
EMBRACE kindness 

Practice **COMPASSION**



STAND UP for **JUSTICE**

talk To Strangers



ASK FOR HELP * **offer HOPE**

Listen with your whole heart

WORK for THE
COMMON good

LOVE WELL.



be THE CHANGE
you wish to see IN THE WORLD.



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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2018 10:30 A.M.

The Liturgy of the Word

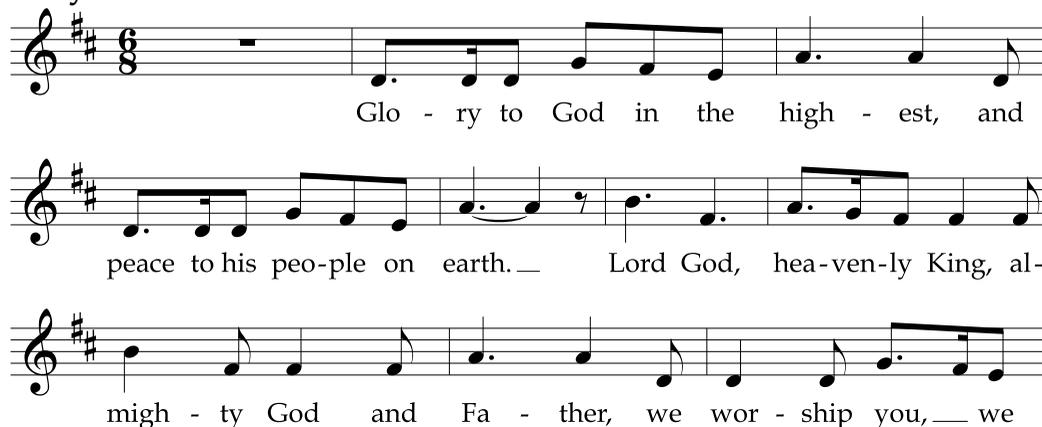
We stand to sing and pray.

Processional Hymn # 47 On this day the first of days

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 18

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 146

Lector Let us read Psalm 146 together.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Second Lesson

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of

the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor.

Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

We stand to sing and hear the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn Heal me hands of Jesus



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way: let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin: dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

The Gospel

Mark 7: 24-37

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech;

and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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, 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 Brenda Leonard and Robert Russell; and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Julie and Jamie Stubblefield.

Priest O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with coupon 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

Gloria! Sonja Poorman

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 # 371 Thou, whose almighty word

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 our Lord 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 # 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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. (sung service)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 10:15 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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Today's Ministers

The Reverend Ed Bird	Presiding Clergy
Terry Dickow	Eucharistic Minister
Marilyn Cleland	Acolyte
Sandra Lee	Lector
Mechelle Goodenough	Intercessor
Jane and George Nenonen	Ushers
Jane Nenonen	Altar Guild
Betsy Pool	Flower Guild
Brad and Rebecca Smith	Coffee Hour Host
Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins	Nursery

Today, Sunday, September 9, 2018 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
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

**Flowers on the altar today are donated by Mary Lincoln
In Memory of Bruce Lincoln**

This Week - September 9, 2018 through September 16, 2018			
Tue	Sep 11	Garden Meetings 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.	Garden
Thu	Sep 13	Children's Choir Rehearsal (TBD)	Parish Hall
		Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Sep 16	Nursery/ Childcare 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 11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Vestry Meeting 12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room

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.

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.

Christian Formation

Children's Sunday School begins meeting today **at 9:30 AM** in the St. Timothy Center.

Adult Formation will begin **October 3rd** with **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 after the 10:30 AM service today 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 (**September 11th** and in the later 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 815-764-1074, email is gmsitzes@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!

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: *Autumn* *Cecile Chaminade*
Postlude: *La Rejouissance* *G. F. Handel*

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, I thank you for another day, whether it brings the sort of happiness for which I always hope or the challenges I sometimes fear. Each day in your presence is a time to notice the marvels of creation that surround me. Help me to see them today and to move gracefully from one hour to the next, in the name of your holy and miraculous ways. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Giver of all good things, you have been at my side, beneath, above, and within me all day long, and I thank you for your presence. I thank you now, as well, that as I grow weary, you have given me a place to lay my head. Watch over all who sleep this night, especially those who have no shelter. Guard them and keep all your people in safety, in Jesus' name. Amen.

