

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!



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18

September 9, 2018, 8:00 A.M.

Rite I

The Holy Eucharist Rite I
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Opening Acclamation

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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, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway 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.

We sit to hear the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

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.

Psalm 146

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

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.

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

The Nicene Creed

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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.**

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer II

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

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Prayer of Humble Access

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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.*

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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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: 8:00 A.M. (spoken)
Sundays: 10:30 A.M. (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 for All Ages

Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center;
Adults meet in the conference room.

2nd Sunday in September - 3rd Sunday in May, 9:30 A.M.

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Our Wardens and Vestry

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

This Week at St. Paul's

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 rhyssprall@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!

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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 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.