

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
September 22, 2024**

**HYMNS
See insert**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSONS

A reading from Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, * those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; *

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *

and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

A reading from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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THE GOSPEL

7:30 am Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go.

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Amber, Amy, Arlene, Becky, Bev, Carol, Charles, Chery, David, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Doris, Doug, Elsie Claire, Helen, Jake, Jan, Jerry, Joan, Joanna, Joe, Joey, John, Judith, Judy, Julie, Kate, Kay, Kirsten, Larry, Lee, Leigh, Leslie, Linda, Lulu, Lynn, Margaret, Marie, Massey, Meg, Michelle, Mike, Milton, Morgan, Ralph, Rebecca, Rita, Ron, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Stan, Stephanie, Steve, Tim, Tony, Tracie, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Kevin, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Choctaw County Jail, Butler, AL.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEKKTODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Formation Class
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting
- Choir Practice
- 5 pm to 6 pm Choir Practice
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

MONDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 Pastor Brent's Bible Study
- Noonday Prayers
- 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm Children's

THURSDAY

- 7 am Men's Group
- Noon NA Meeting
- 4pm Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 9 am Parish Workday
- 10 am AA Meeting

PARISH WORK DAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Join us at 9am for the Parish Work Day on Saturday at 9 am. Help needed with large & small jobs inside & out

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Drive will be at the Foley Civic Center in Tuesday, September 24th
from 11 am until 4pm.

HARP CONCERT TODAY AT 2PM

The Central Gulf Coast Harp Society will present program of ensemble and solo harp music at St. Paul's on September 22nd at 2:00 pm. There are no tickets but donations will be accepted.

REMEMBER EMI WHEN YOU SHOP

Ramen noodles, salt, garlic powder, rice and mashed potatoes.

BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box is in need of donations of food and toiletries. Drop off on Sunday's in the Parish Hall or in the office during the week. You are always welcomed to put food & supplies directly into the Blessing Box

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

Consecration Sunday is coming. Sunday, October 13th there will be one service at 10:00 am followed by a celebration meal as we gather our estimate of giving for the work of St. Paul's for the coming year.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 5TH AT 10AM.

The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be Saturday, Oct. 5th at 10:00 am. Daphne Animal Shelter will be offering pet adoptions from 10-1.

LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONVENTION NEEDED

St. Paul's needs to Lay Delegates to represent us at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast which will be held in Fort Walton Beach, February 21 and 22. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact either Pastor Brent or Karen Walters, Sr. Warden.

CLAY SHOOT INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The Clay Shoot will be on Nov 2 at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center. There are forms available for sponsorships in the Parish Hall 7 the church office. There are a variety of sponsorship levels and volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Howard Krauss 251 454-4214, Brian Lehmann 251 752-2262 or Kenneth Maidment 251 923-8304.

HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE A FLOAT FOR THE KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARADE

St. Paul's has the opportunity to have a float in this year's Kiwanis Christmas Parade. If that sounds like something fun that you would like to be a part of let Pastor Brent know so we can start planning.

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Joyful, joyful we adore thee

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O Master let me walk

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Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

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I want to walk as a child of the light

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