

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
August 25, 2024

HYMNS

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	Hymnal 1982 #460
Come thou fount	Hymnal 1982 #686
Bread of the world	Hymnal 1982 #301
Come with us	Hymnal 1982 #336

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

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

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

Psalm 34:15-22 *Read responsively by whole verse*

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

**16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

**20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

A reading Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

People Thanks be to God.

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 John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go?

You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Amber, Amy, Arlene, 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, 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 Conecuh County Jail, Evergreen, AL.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 8 am Parish Breakfast
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 11 am Football Tailgating
- 7 pm NA Meeting

MONDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

REMEMBER EMI WHEN YOU SHOP

Saltine crackers, Canned vegetables, Tuna helper and Condiments-salt, pepper, garlic powder, etc.

BLESSING BOX-WE ARE RUNNING VERY LOW

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

Football Tailgating Today August 25th

Football Tailgating. Today, August 25th the Parish Hall will turn into a football tailgate party. Reserve a table to decorate for your favorite team. Set up will be Saturday, 8-24 from 10-12. Please wear your team colors even if you aren't decorating a table. **Please contact Sandi McCoy for more information 318 446-2210.**

Pictorial Directory available online.

There will be people to assist you after the services to access the directory online. Printed directory are available for those needing one. Contact Penny in the office to request your copy.

FALL SUPPER CLUB GATHERING TONIGHT, AUGUST 25TH AT PENNY SEAWELL'S

The Fall Supper Club will have their Kick Off Gathering on Tonight August 25th at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group or want to find out more information please attend or let Penny know- 251 9432173. Everyone is invited to come and bring the beverage of your choice and an appetizer to share. We will divide groups into 7-10 people and meet once a month in each other's homes or a restaurant. The host will be responsible for the main course and others will bring the sides. This is a great way to get to know other parishioners better.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, September 4th Choir Rehearsal begins at 5 pm

**Sunday, September 8th Formation begins on Sunday mornings at 9
am**

**Wednesday, September 11th Wednesday Bible Study begins at
10:30 am**

Thursday, September 12th Men's Breakfast Group begins at 7 am

Thursday, September 19th Women's Bible Study begins at 4 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Foley, AL
Copyright reprint and streaming notice for
August 25, 2024
One Licenses A 739806 and/or CCLI #529542

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Contributors: Public Domain

Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Come thou fount

Contributors: Robert Robinson, Ashael Nettleton, Stephen DeCesare

Tune: Public Domain Text: Public Domain

Bread of the world

Contributors: Reginald Heber

Public Domain

Come with us

Contributors: Charles P Price

Text: © 1982, Church Publishing, Inc.

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church-506 North Pine Street-Foley, AL
36535

www.saintpaulsfoley.com-saintpaulsfoleyoffice@gmail.com

