



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 ~10:00 A.M.

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Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

Entrance Hymn

"A mighty fortress"

Hymnal 1982 #688

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider:

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 you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria

Hymnal 1982 #S280

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Presider: 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.***

A reading from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

A reading from 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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia (*the People stand as they are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - - ia.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 9:28-43a

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Brent Norris

The Nicene Creed (Standing)

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 IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and

bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept for a time)*

Presider and People

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.

Absolution the People respond "Amen."

The Peace

Standing

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

**Offertory Hymn
1982 #675**

"Take up your cross"

Hymnal

The Presentation *The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought to the Altar.*

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

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AS THE GRAINS
Irregular

The Holy Communion

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of eternal life. 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

Hymnal 1982# S129

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

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 Blessed Paul and 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 kept for time.)

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us,
mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Presider: As grain from the hillside is made to be one bread
and grapes from the vineyard are made to be one cup.

People: So may we, who are many, be made one in this communion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn at the clearing of the Table

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea-sure that I
seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me
up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!
Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

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Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn

“Lift high the cross”

Hymnal 1982 #473

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Al, Amelia, Amy, Ashley, Ben, Bernice, Bill, Bob, Brent, Buddy, Carol, Cindy, Clay, Daniel, Dave, Dennis, Diane, Donna, Elaine, Esther, Evelyn, Francis, Frank, Fred, Freda, Gail, Henry, Jack, Jeff, Jenna, Jenny, Jerry, John, Joyce, Judith, Judy, Karin, Kate, Kathy, Kenneth, Kim, Kirsten, Kristi, Larry, LaVerne, Leigh, Linda, Lynn, Madelyn, Margaret, Marilyn, Marty, Mary, Mary Ann, Massey, Mel, Mike, Milton, Mo, Myrna, Nancy, Natalie, Nelda, Nicolas, Pat, Patrick, Peggy, Ralph, Rick, Rita, Robert, Roger, Ron, Rose, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Steve, Terry, Tom, Tommy, Tony, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

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

For the birthdays: Stacey Krauss, Bernice Helton, Beverly Roberts, Rocky Moore and Katie Goodson.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am-Holy Eucharist
- 10 am-Holy Eucharist
- 6 pm Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem
- 7 pm-NAR-NON & NA Open Meetings

MONDAY

- **The office will be closed for Labor Day**
- 8 pm-AA

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30- Bible Study
- Noon-Holy Eucharist with Healing

- 7 pm-NA-Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- 10 am-Galilean/Prayer Shawl Meeting
- 4 pm-Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm-AA Meeting
- 8 pm-AA Open meeting

FRIDAY

- 6 pm Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem
- 7 pm-Hispanic AA Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am-AA Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S

PASTOR BRENT'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 7TH

Wednesday morning Bible study begins Sept. 7 at 10:30 am both in person and by Zoom. We are studying the book of Acts, Luke's second volume.

Zoom link. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83358926086?pwd=ekRHS3VqcEhlRnlmald1QkZWUlFjdzo9>
Meeting ID: 833 5892 6086 Passcode: 240011

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND MINISTRY FAIR ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th WITH POT LUCK LUNCH

September 11 is our program year kick-off. We will gather at 9:00 in the parish hall for a time of singing and an overview of formation and fellowship over the next year. There will also be a "Ministry Fair" which provides an opportunity for everyone to sign up for a particular ministry for the coming year. After the 10:00 service there will be a potluck lunch. The Church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP

Spaghetti sauce, any type of crackers & snacks.

BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box is in need of donations of food and toiletries. There is a bin in the parish hall for you to put the items in on Sundays or you can place them directly into the box in front of the office anytime.

RECYCLE PROGRAM FOR THE BUILDING FUND

We can earn money for the church repairs by bringing our cans to church and placing them in the bin by the office on the Orchid St. side. There is no need to remove labels or wash or crush the cans. Donnie Bobe will take them to the recycling center and the money will be used for repairs. Contact Meg Scott or Donnie Bobe with questions.

INVITATION CARDS AVAILABLE

St. Paul's is a wonderful community and it is natural for us to want to tell people about ourselves and to invite them to come see for themselves. Sometimes, though, we might feel a little awkward saying something to someone without being able to give them something to help them remember us and maybe take the next step to learn more about us.

The answer to that problem is a very simple card with St. Paul's address and social media information. We have had some cards printed and they will be available starting this Sunday. These cards will be available in the back of the church today, and later in the office. The first step in someone deciding to become part of our community is for them to know more about us. These cards have basic information such as our address and phone number. They also have a QR code on the back that links to our web site so that someone can learn more about us and even look up service times. They can even hear Fr. Brent's latest sermon and that's important for a lot of people.

If you can make use of these cards, pick up a couple of them to keep in your purse or wallet. Please limit yourself to two or three cards today, and let Penny know if you need more. We will be happy to give you as many as you need. We can always order more!

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Hymns

A Mighty Fortress is our God

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Take up your cross

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Service Music

Glory to God in the highest

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Gospel Alleluia

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As the grains of wheat

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Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy)

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Lamb of God (Now the Feast and Celebration)

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