



# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 16, 2022 ~10:00 A.M.

*Large print bulletins available in the narthex*

*Announcements*

*Prelude*

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell*

**Entrance Hymn**

**"Jesus our mighty Lord"**

**Hymnal 1982 #479**

**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 Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Song of Praise**  
**S280**

**"Gloria"**

**Hymnal 1982 #**

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Presider:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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.***

*A reading from Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 121 (Read responsively by whole verse)*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

**2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.**

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.**

*A reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*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, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

*Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*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*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Russell our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence*  
*The People may add their own petitions*  
Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings*  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*  
*The People may add their own petitions*  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest pronounces the Absolution. The People respond "Amen."*

*The People stand.*

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Hymn**  
**Songbook #249**

**"Great is thy faithfulness"**

**Renew**

**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*

**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 our thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

***Sanctus***

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

***Hymnal 1982# S129***

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Francis, St. Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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*

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

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

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## 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  
#711**

**"Seek Ye first"**

**Hymnal 1982**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Blessing*

**Dismissal Hymn**

**"Sent forth by God's blessing"**

**Renew Songbook #307**

**The Dismissal**

*Presider:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*For those in prison:* for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff of Henry County Jail, Abbeville, AL.

*For the birthdays:* Shelly Becker and Helen Lambard.

*For anniversaries:* David & Kerry Ellis and Anne & Jamie Carswell.

## SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

### TODAY

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

### MONDAY

- 8 pm-AA Meeting

### TUESDAY

- 8 pm-AA

### WEDNESDAY

- 10:30- Bible Study

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

### THURSDAY

- 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

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS DUE BACK BY OCTOBER 24TH

Please prayerfully consider your pledges. Both cards for the 2023 campaigns are due back to the church by October 24<sup>th</sup>. They may be returned to the office during the week or in the alms basin or in the box in the parish hall on Sundays. Envelopes are provided.

## PECAN SALE AT ST. PAUL'S

Order pecans for your holiday baking in the parish hall during October. Signup sheets are available on the table to the left as you enter. Contact Betsy Parton if you have any questions.

## SAVE THE DATE

### HARK-A CHRISTMAS CONCERT DECEMBER 1

**This is our Christmas Concert at the Foley Civic Center. Tickets will be available soon.**

## **ST. PAUL'S TAG SALE NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

On November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm there will be a sale in the parish hall. Items to be donated should be brought ahead of time and placed in the kitchen of the Education Building. The back door will remain open for your convenience during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from 9am to 4 pm. Please tag and price the items you bring to sell. Contact Trixie Foley for more information.

## **PASTOR BRENT'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday morning Bible study is 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=ekRHS3VqcEhlRnlmld1QkZWUlfjdz09>

Meeting ID: 833 5892 6086 Passcode: 240011

## **REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP**

Vienna sausages, jelly and toilet paper. Last month St. Paul's donated 379lbs of food in 30 days. Let's try for 500lbs in October.

## ***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. **NO MORE DIAPERS.**

## ***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**

**Jesus our mighty Lord**

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**Great is thy faithfulness**

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**Seek ye first**

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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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