



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 ~10:00 A.M.**

Large print bulletins available in the narthex

Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

Entrance Hymn

"A mighty fortress"

Hymnal 1982 #686

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-11 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

**6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

A reading from 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



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

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

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

"The King of love"

Hymnal 1982 #645

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues: 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff continues: 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.'. The fourth staff begins with a '2' and contains the lyrics: 'Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when'. The fifth staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.'. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

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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
1982#554

"Tis a gift to be simple"

Hymnal

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

"Here I am Lord"

Renew Songbook #149

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 Covington County Jail, Andalusia, AL.

For the birthdays: Sarah Tober, Lennox Steffek, Diedre Cowart and Joyce Dobbs.

For anniversaries: Belinda and Stephan Tucker

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

MONDAY

- 5:45 pm-Vestry Meeting
- 8 pm-AA Meeting

TUESDAY

- 10 am-ECW Meeting
- 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S

PASTOR BRENT'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMED 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=ekRHS3VqcEhlRnlmelm1QkZWU1Fjdzo9>

Meeting ID: 833 5892 6086 Passcode: 240011

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND MINISTRY FAIR TODAY 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 pot luck lunch. The Church will provide fried chicken please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP

Diced tomatoes, green beans, onion & garlic powder and 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!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD BANK TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

Please give blood on Tuesday, September 13th from 11 am to 6 pm at the Foley Civic Center. You must bring your photo ID with you.

BAYLIGHTS AT CAMP BECKWITH SEPTEMBER 30TH – OCTOBER 2ND

Music, Food & Fun on Weeks Bay-For more information and to purchase tickets

www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

This is Camp Beckwith's largest fundraiser of the year so gather your St. Paul's friends and join in the fun with others from our diocese.

NEW BIBLE STUDY OFFERING

“THE HARD SAYINGS OF THE BIBLE”

A different sort of Bible Study to commence in September. Offered in 11 one-hour Zoom classes or in-person classes. Covers ten hard sayings in the Old Testament, 10 in the sayings of Jesus, and 10 in the letters of Paul.

Contact Ralph Buck to help determine the best ways, days, and times to meet: Herrcaptainhook@aol.com or 571-432-6154 .

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Hymns

Come, thou fount

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Here I am Lord

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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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