

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. All are welcome, no exceptions!



**The First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019, 8:00 A.M.
Rite I**

The Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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The Collect of the Day

First Sunday of Lent

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors;

the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,**
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.**
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'
and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Intercessor We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and for Jeff, our Diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. We pray for the Church. Hear us, O Lord.

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for justice and peace. Hear us, O Lord.

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for those in any need or trouble. Hear us, O Lord.

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray that they may find and be found by him. Hear us, O Lord.

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially pray this week for Gail, Puzz, John Lind, Tommie Vicente, Dan Wilson, Colleen Wilson, Joyce Kotvan, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Myrna, Terry Costello, and Rosemarie.
(The People may add their own petitions.)

Intercessor Hear us, O Lord.

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We ask your prayers for the departed. We pray for those who have died. Hear us, O Lord.

People For your mercy is great.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Confession of Sin **Page 330**

The Peace **Page 332**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*(The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion. The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. **We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.** It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.)*

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People: Thanks be to God.

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sundays

8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 9:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes

Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.

Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 AM

Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Barbara A. T Wilson, Rector;

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Susan King, Administrative Assistant

Lorraine Langer, Director of Music

Kathleen Johnson, Organist Hannah Buckle, Pianist

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Our Wardens and Vestry,

Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,

Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,

Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

This Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday, March 10, 2019, First Sunday in Lent		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee Hour and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - March 10, 2019 through March 17, 2019				
Wed	Mar 13	Adult Formation	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Mar 14	Book Club	5:30 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
Fri	Mar 15	Mindful Meditation	12:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
Sun	Mar 17	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Formation.	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Nursery/ Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

Lent and Adult Formation

This year, we will be observing the season with a Wednesday evening soup and bread supper together with focused group study of Fr. Richard Rohr's, "Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy." The study begins by tackling the question of what Christians actually mean when we say, "Jesus died for our sins," in the session on "Atonement Theology," at **6 PM on Wednesday, March 13**. For those who cannot make the Wednesday evening sessions, the same talk will take place **today** at 9 AM on the first Sunday in Lent, **March 10** and Sundays following. Other topics covered through the weeks in Lent will be "Eco-Spirituality," "The Cosmic Christ," "Orthodoxy vs. Orthopraxy," and "Mysticism over Moralism." All sessions are free and open to the public. It is hoped that St. Paul's folk will be joined by others from the larger community who may be interested in the discussions or may just want to sample the soup!

Cardboard Boxes for the Garden

Do you have any empty cardboard boxes? If they are clean, mostly brown, and not waxy or glossy, the church garden team would love to have them to line the aisles of the church garden and raspberry patch and keep down weeds. To donate, break them down flat and bring them to the parish hall by Sunday, April 6. We'll need dozens. Questions? Contact Jacob Maas (jacob.maas95@gmail.com) or Heidi Haverkamp (heidiruthha@gmail.com).

Food Pantry Collection is Today, March 10

Parishioners are reminded that today, March 10th, is Food Pantry Sunday. Please place your donations in the baskets provided. **Contributions may be made at any time during the month.**

Book Club

The next meeting of the Church Book Club Meeting will be **Thursday, March 14th**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. The discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's book: *A Geography of Faith - An Altar in the World* continues. Taylor suggests the book is organized so 'picking and choosing, as desired' allows anyone to join-in at any point. You are welcome to brown bag your dinner or bring something a bite to share.

NIU Grace Place Campus Ministry

St. Paul's is scheduled to provide the evening meal at Grace Place on **Tuesday, April 2nd**. Please see Jocelyn Prall for more information if you are interested in participating.

Cleanup Day!

Every year we spend a Saturday morning cleaning up the church grounds. We do this in coordination with NIU Cares Day, which means we will have many student helpers. This year it's going to be **Saturday, April 13**, from 9 to 12. Please mark your calendars! Any questions, talk to Rick Johns or call at 815-217-4849.

Celebration of New Ministry

We will celebrate The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson's installation as Rector at St. Paul's on **Tuesday, April 30th**, at 7:00 PM. The Right Reverend Jeffrey Lee will preside and The Reverend David Pike will preach. A reception will follow. All are welcome!

Rite I Service

The Rite I spoken service will now be held every Sunday except for the fifth Sundays of each month: March 31st, June 30th, September 29th, and December 29th.

Movie Night

Our next Brown Bag Movie Night is Friday, 3/29, at 6 p.m. and we will show “North By Northwest”, one of the Top 5 requested in our survey last year.

Communication!!!!

There are a lot of things happening at St. Paul’s! A new form has been developed so that the office can keep up with events and programs and be sure information is communicated to all who should know. In addition, the new Audio Video System in the Parish Hall has many capabilities for streaming, playing DVD’s, slide shows, music, etc. To both ends, we are asking that you fill out a Communication and Tech Request Form for your events and email or turn it in to the office. Copies of the form will be available in the Parish Office and on the table in the Parish Hall. If you need help putting an announcement together, Susan is happy to assist.

For more information about St. Paul’s

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what’s going on!

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Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

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Prayers of the People: Book of Common Prayer, Form II

Household Prayers. Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, all night I slept in your shadow, sheltered by you. As I enter into the gift of this day, I trust that you are with me. May I see signs and wonders of your presence in the world today, for you alone are God. I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate and share with others the abundance of your grace and love. Help me to be open to all people you bring my way, for you yourself make no distinctions, but are Lord of all.

In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, my dwelling place, as the shadows fall, I rest in you. Thank you for the faith that held me fast this day. Thank you, too, for every person who offered me grace, and for those to whom I could also show grace. I pray this night for all who long to see a sign of your power in the darkness that surrounds them. Be near to them and show them your salvation. And in the morning when I rise, give me your work to do for another day; in Jesus' name. Amen.

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers and liturgies reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.