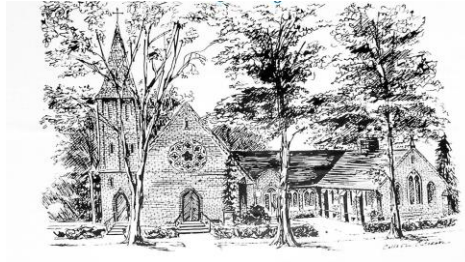


St. Paul's Episcopal Church



15th Sunday after Pentecost – Sept. 22, 2019

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Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

Welcome! To those who attend every Sunday, keep up the good work! If you are visiting, seeking, considering a new church family or your first church family, this is what you will find here at St. Paul's. We are a group of imperfect people who do our best to spread the love of Jesus. Judging is left to God; it's too much work for us mere mortals. We love children and don't care if your babies act like babies. We embrace you if you are gay, straight, Christian, not sure what you are, sad, happy, a person in addiction or someone in recovery. When we pass the peace, you will be greeted by all of us; don't be afraid--we like to hug! Everyone is welcome at the communion rail whether for a blessing or to receive the sacraments. You will be invited to coffee hour by at least ten of us. We promise you won't go away hungry! Give us a chance--we're eager to meet you!

OUR VISION: To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR MISSION: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

The Holy Eucharist

The Prelude *There is a Balm in Gilead*, African-American Spiritual
Announcements
The Gathering Hymn *O Day of radiant gladness* Hymn 48

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

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

The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Lesson

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the

sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Psalm 113

Reader: Please respond by the half-verse to our reading of Psalm 113.

- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * **praise the Name of the LORD.**
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * **from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * **let the Name of the LORD be praised.**
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, * **and his glory above the heavens.**
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high * **but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * **and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**
- 7 He sets them with the princes, * **with the princes of his people.**
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house * **to be a joyful mother of children.**

Reader: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

The Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *What does the Lord require?* Hymn 605 v1 & 4

The Gospel

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him,

‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Let us bring before God our supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings on behalf of the whole earth, through Christ Jesus our only mediator, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we who are entrusted with the riches of God's grace, may be faithful in little and in much, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on the people Christ Church, St. Mark's, and St. Paul's as we anticipate and prepare for the person you will raise up for us to be the Priest-in-Charge of our parishes. May we receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may be free to give ourselves to God and our neighbor, and never be possessed by our possessions, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the gift of peace, that the Spirit of God will protect cities and places of violence from war and terrorism so that all may live in peace and safety, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the weak, the homeless and the war-torn, and for the sick and suffering, remembering especially Margaret, Kathy, Joe, Alice, Naomi, Fr. John & John; that God will strengthen them and heal their wounds, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those suffering from addictions, that they may desire a clean and sober life, and find the resources for their bodies, minds and spirits that will allow them to do so; for all those who love someone who is addicted, that comfort and support be provided in their journeys; for all in the healing community assisting recovery, that the Holy Spirit will refresh and strengthen them; for ourselves, that we share the power of God's healing and transforming love with all touched by this addictions epidemic; for St. Paul's that a spirit of unity in witness and action will be among us. Merciful God, accept the fervent prayers of your people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially, that God will welcome them to their eternal home, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: God of every bounty, hear the prayers we offer this day and entrust us with your riches from above, that we may hold them in faith and use them in serving our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution
The Peace

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>God Himself is with us</i>	Hymn 475 v1, 2, &4
The Doxology:	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	Hymn 380, v3
The Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP page 367
The Sanctus		S124
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		
The Fraction Anthem		S161
The Communion		
	<i>Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.</i>	
	<i>Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.</i>	
The Hymn during Communion		
	<i>Now the silence, now the peace</i>	Choir Hymn 333
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP page 365
The Blessing		
The Parting Hymn	<i>Be Thou my vision</i>	Hymn 488
The Dismissal		
The Postlude	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	by Samuel Wesley

Altar Flowers this week are from Nancy Dooling.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. John Wagner
Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons
Altar Guild: Barbara Undercoffler & Carol Lasher
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth
Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert
Counters: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker
Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham
Lector: Cathy Hammons
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Centering Prayer this Wednesday September 25 at 12:00 noon.

Evening Prayer Service:

You will have an opportunity to meet with the candidate during his visit at an Evening Prayer service and homily led by him on Friday, September 27 at 6:00 pm at St. Mark's. All are welcome.