

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast**  
**Foley, Alabama**  
**September 15, 2024**

**HYMNS**  
**See insert**

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.*

**LESSONS**

**A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Psalm 116:1-8** *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

**4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.**

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.**

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

**8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.**

### **A reading from James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*7:30 am Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go.

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Mark 8:27-38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*For healing:* Adriene, Al, Amber, Amy, Arlene, Becky, Bev, Carol, Charles, Chery, David, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Doris, Doug, Elsie Claire, Helen, Jake, Jan, Jerry, Joan, Joanna, Joe, Joey, John, Judith, Judy, Julie, Kate, Kay, Kirsten, Larry, Lee, Leigh, Leslie, Linda, Lulu, Lynn, Margaret, Marie, Massey, Meg, Michelle, Mike, Milton, Morgan, Ralph, Rebecca, Rita, Ron, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Stan, Stephanie, Steve, Tim, Tony, Tracie, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

*For those serving in the military:* Kevin, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

*For those in prison:* for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Covington County Jail, Andalusia, AL.

## SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEKTODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Formation Class
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting
- Healing
- 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm Children's Choir Practice
- 5 pm to 6 pm Choir Practice
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

### MONDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 Pastor Brent's Bible Study
- Noon Holy Eucharist with

### THURSDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 4pm Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

### SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Women's Bible Study begins at 4 pm**

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Parish Work Day**

## **REMEMBER EMI WHEN YOU SHOP**

Gravy mix, canned meat, fruit/pudding cups, powdered milk & crackers.

## ***BLESSING BOX-WE ARE RUNNING VERY LOW***

Our Blessing Box is in need of donations of food and toiletries. Drop off on Sunday's in the Parish Hall or in the office during the week. You are always welcomed to put food & supplies directly into the Blessing Box

## **CLAY SHOOT INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

The Clay Shoot will be on Nov 2 at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center. There are forms available for sponsorships in the Parish Hall & the church office. There are a variety of sponsorship levels and volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Howard Krauss 251 454-4214, Brian Lehmann 251 752-2262 or Kenneth Maidment 251 923-8304.

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*O Bless the Lord my soul*

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