

# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 21*

*September 25, 2011*

## **The Word of God**

**Prelude**

*Rule Beasley*

**The Opening Hymn**

*All Hail the power of Jesus' name*

Hymnal 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
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Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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**

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your  
grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm      Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Page 694, BCP

- 1      Hear my teaching, O my people; \* incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2      I will open my mouth in a parable; \* I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3      That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
        we will not hide from their children.
- 4      We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
        and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12     He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \* in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13     He split open the sea and let them pass through; \* he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14     He led them with a cloud by day, \* and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15     He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \* and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16     He brought streams out of the cliff, \* and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn

*We will glorify the King of kings*

*Handout*

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne.  
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live.  
He is Lord above the universe, All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

*Words and Music, Twila Paris; Arranged Benjamin Harlan CCLI 29496966*

## The Gospel

**Matthew 21:23-32**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**  
*Silence*

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

## The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; for Nedi, our Bishop; for Janet, our Rector and Stephen, our Deacon, and in our diocesan cycle of prayer, St. Brigid in the Pines Community Church, Sumpter; for Marilyn Roth and her Discernment Committee; and for all members of this church;

**That we may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for this country; for our president, Barak Obama; for Sudan, Haiti, Palestine, East Africa, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for all members of this parish as they live in faith in their work, play, with friends and family.

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Kim McCullough, Anna Miller, Rosemary Ross, Brandon "Bubba" Adams, and Michal Kawka. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Strengthen and encourage the Rev. Daniel Kuot and Rebecca in Palois, Sudan; the Rev. Noe Bernier and Shirly, in Cap Haitien, Haiti; Jerry Frazier, Tara Koch and HAVEN; and all who serve in ministries that enrich and bless the lives of others;

*The People add petitions*

We give thanks for the work you have given us to do, and seek your strength to serve you faithfully.

**That your love may be known throughout the earth.**

Bless and hold all our neighbors who are in need, especially those affected by disasters, war, and poverty;

*The People add petitions*

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for Jana Mullin, and all your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us give thanks for all our blessings, and pray for our own needs, and those of others.

*The People add their own thanksgivings and petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession of Sin

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace** *Please stand*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

*This quarter, Thank offerings are designated for HAVEN- Help Against Violent Encounters Now*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

**The Doxology** 8:00: *All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*

*Hymnal 380- 10:00: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*            **It is right to give God 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.... 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:

**The Sanctus**      8:00 Said:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10:00 Sung- WLP 858:

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

8:00

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.**

10:00- S154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*We invite everyone to come forward to receive the bread and wine-grape juice or gluten free bread are available-or blessing.  
For private intercessory prayer for healing for yourself or others, please go to the station at back of the nave during communion.*

### **The Communion Hymn**

*Just as I am*

Hymnal 693

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am: thou wilt receive; wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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*Spirit of the Living God*

LEVAS 115

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. *Repeat*

*Words: Daniel Iverson, Birdwing Music, BMG Songs CCLI 29496966*

### **The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* 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

### The Closing Hymn

*Crown him with many crowns*

Hymnal 494

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

*Words: Matthew Bridges, Public Domain*

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

### The Postlude

*Rule Beasley*

*Servers~*

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth; Acolyte; Brandon Adams;*

*Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer;*

*Lector: 8:00-Barbee Hodgkins, 10:00- Diane Adams;*

*Prayers of the People: 8:00-Lewis Hodgkins, 10:00-Skip Fisher; Pianist: Rule Beasley;*

*Altar Guild: Mary Ellen Lowe, Monte Dickinson; Flowers: Rustin and Gretchen Kimsey "In loving memory of our parents Lauren, Lois, Grant and Betty"; Greeter: Marta Moser; Coffee Hosts: PK and Jan Swartz.*

### **PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:**

**In our diocesan cycle of prayer:** for St. Brigid in the Pines Community Church, Sumpter.

**For Comfort, Healing and Strength:** Repose of soul for Ann Marie's sister Jana Mullin, Lib Hodgkins, and comfort for the Hodgkin, Mullin and Woolsey friends and families; for Tim O'Neill; Patty Geiter, her husband Jim, John and Diane Adams and their families; Kelly Fisher, and Skip and Carol; Barbee Hodgkins, Don Lewis; Patrick Martin; Jack Howe; Doris and Norm Abrams; Art and Jane Schafroth; David, PaulaKay and Oliver.

**For our Vestry and work groups:** Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joanne Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country** and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: John Bixler, Kelsey Neubauer, Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.

**CALENDAR:****TODAY: COMMUNITY MEALS- Please Come!**

<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Study	1:00 pm	Mill Creek-3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon	Diocesan Chapel
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon	St. Paul's

**Readings for Sunday Oct 2**

*Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THANKS TO ALL FOR RALLY SUNDAY** and a great fall kick-off! Special thanks to Pat Fowler for all the organizing to make the day go so smoothly; to Janeal Booren for the excellent potato salad and all of the vestry who brought such a great food variety of food for our lunch; to all who spoke on behalf of the ministries they represent, and to all who signed up to keep the great work of St. Paul's going. Blessings and thanks to each and every one!

**TODAY September 25-** after coffee hour visiting- Plan a Perfect Service! Or, do the next best thing: Dip your toe in the water of **Liturgy 101**. This is a chance to learn the basics of putting together a .service, and then put that learning to work to plan a service for fall. You may sign up for a service or a season: Blessing of the Animals; Advent; Lessons and Carols; Christmas Eve; Epiphany; St. Paul's; Lent; Holy Week; Easter; Pentecost; .....all of these are in need of thoughtful TLC! It'll be fun! And you won't be left in it alone- we'll do it together. All are welcome- Please Come!

**Community Meals** Later in the afternoon, at St. Vincent de Paul's, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, join serving and cleaning up after our stint as providers of Community Meals. See Denise Beasley for more details.

**Sunday October 2- Blessing of the Animals**  
**After church, at 2:00 in the afternoon, please come to Sorosis Park for a short service of prayers and Blessing of the Animals!** Look between the Rose Garden and the Covered picnic tables, and you'll find us. Bring your pet, and a leash, carrier, or way to keep them safe, and we'll give thanks to God for the enormous blessing of having these special companions in our lives.

**Also Sunday October 2- Intergenerational Hour:** St. Paul's first monthly, intergenerational gathering will be on Sunday, Oct. 2 beginning at 9 AM. The theme for the morning will be remembering and

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celebrating the life of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is Oct. 4. Praying, singing, baking and art will be enjoyed while learning more about this remarkable saint. All ages are welcome to come and join the fun! And then, **Later in the afternoon:** Fellowship of Churches progressive dinner, entrée at St. Paul's. Tickets available in the office: Contact Rustin Kimsey or Diane Adams for more information.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-** Work is ongoing at Janeal's Habitat House: 2419 E. 16<sup>th</sup> & Thompson. Workdays are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 to 12:30. Second floor is underway! There is a job for all skills and abilities, you can come for an hour or the day, and water and snacks are provided. Check out the web site for photos as the work progresses. See John Adams or Ron Fullmer for more information. So, put on your work clothes and join the very rewarding, and very exciting, fun!

**VESTRY ORGANIZATION-** Vestry news including an organizational chart and *Who's Who* for information, committees, etc; a church *Calendar at a Glance*; pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest are on the bulletin board, kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**STEWARDSHIP TIP:** Counting Your Blessings  
Take time each day to reflect on the blessings that God has given you. Challenge yourself to put your change in a jar for each time you feel God blessing you. At the end of the month donate your jar of coins to a project or mission of St Paul's. Start over the next month and pick a new project or mission to support.

*Lord, thank you for all of the blessings that I am able to count each day. Thank you for the opportunity to use my blessings to help others.*

\*For Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports...see the kiosk, check the notebooks in the office and visit the web site.