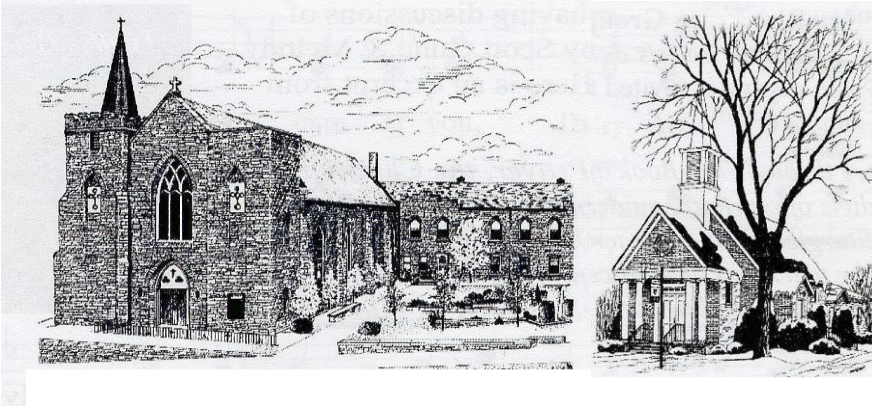


THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Alton, Illinois



St. Paul's Church
10 E. Third St.
10:30 a.m.

Trinity Chapel
1901 State St.
8:15 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

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Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! We are glad to have you worship with us today. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion or to simply come forward for a blessing.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

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Prelude

‘Hymn to Joy’

L. V. Beethoven (1770-1827)

Hymn #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

The Hymnal 1982

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

#S202 The Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons *Please be seated*

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A reading from Genesis

50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103:1-13 *Benedic, anima mea*

The people respond with the verses in bold italics

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

The Epistle

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hymn #516

Come down, O Love divine

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment

to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Sermon

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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The Prayers of the People

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Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy. **Response:** Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory:

‘Bist Du Bei Mir’

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Presentation Hymn #380

Praise God, from whom (vs 3 only)

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Lift up your hearts: Sursum corda

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

#S114 *The Hymnal 1982*

The Lord’s Prayer *(sung)*

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#S119 *The Hymnal 1982*

Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

#S158 *The Hymnal 1982*

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.

Prayer of Humble Access		<i>BCP</i> p. 337
Communion Anthem	Cantilena	L. Smith
Post-Communion Prayer		<i>BCP</i> p. 339
The Blessing		<i>BCP</i> p. 339
Dismissal		<i>BCP</i> p. 339
Hymn #347	<i>Go forth for God, go to the world in peace</i>	<i>The Hymnal</i> 1982
Postlude	Minuet	H. Mancini (1924-1994)

The Altar flowers this morning are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Terry Durham by his family.

SERVING TODAY

Trinity:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Lector:	Laurna Hutchinson
Intercessor:	Laurna Hutchinson
CB/Acolyte:	Laurna Hutchinson
Altar Guild:	April Drennan

Next Week

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Gay Anderson
Chuck Drennan
Chuck Drennan
Robbie Cupp
Nancy Weiss-Hayes

St. Paul's:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Crucifer:	Mikey Kokos

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Gay Anderson
Robbie Cupp

Acolyte:	Robbie Cupp	Tina Ritchie
Altar Acolyte:	Marti LoRusso	Marti LoRusso
Chalice/BB:	Donna Fisher	Nathalia Baum
Lector/Intercessor:	Mimi Almonroeder	John Pearson
Cantor:	Ruth Spencer	Ruth Spencer
Ushers:	Verla Moyer	Nancy Elson
Greeters:	Bill Moyer	Mimi Almonroeder
Altar Guild:	D. Cook, J. Cook	S. Lukasik, A. Drennan

Calendar and Announcements for the Week of September 13, 2026

- Sunday, Sept 13** 12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican at St. Paul's Nave
- Monday, Sept 14** 5:30 p.m. Columbarium committee at St. Paul's conference room
- Tuesday, Sept 15** 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's
10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's
11:00 a.m. NAGBC luncheon and meeting in St. Paul's Heneghan Hall
6:30 p.m. Vestry meeting at St. Paul's conference room
- Saturday, Sept 19** 9:00 a.m. ECM meeting at Trinity Chapel
1:30 p.m. Acolyte and Server training at St. Paul's
- Sunday, Sept 20** *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican will occur at Bellefontaine Cemetery
12:15 p.m. ECW meeting at St Paul's in the lower level Ed wing
6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Youth Group at St. Paul's

Join us today at 12:15 p.m. for a class on all the different ways to **Pray Like an Anglican!** Class will last roughly an hour and will primarily occur in the St. Paul's Nave during coffee hour. The last class (Sept. 20) will occur at Bellefontaine Cemetery to try out their new Labyrinth.

Our Bible Study group will meet on Tuesday, Sept 15th. Our study of *The Gospel of Luke* will continue after Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Bible study begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. Evening Bible Study is held at 5:30 p.m. following Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. Be sure to bring your Bible.

Starting September 1st, we are collecting coats and jackets for the Sacred Spaces of Care Resource & Wellness Block Party on September 28th. This event will include multiple different resources for our community neighbors in need, including our very own 4Paws Pet Food Pantry! If you would like to volunteer for this event, or would like more information, please contact Marty, Mimi, or Tiffany.

The next ECM meeting is set for Saturday, September 19th, at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. All men of St. Paul's Episcopal parish are welcome to join the Episcopal Church Men's group. If any men wish to be added to the email and/or text list, please contact Chuck Drennan at chuckin8or@aol.com or 618-550-0951.

Acolyte and Server training begins Saturday, September 19th, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. Whether you already serve regularly or are wondering where you might fit, you are warmly encouraged to attend. Serving at the altar is not about perfection, performance, or looking fancy in vestments, though the vestments certainly help. It is about offering our time, attention, reverence, and gifts to the worship and glory of God.

October 4th is our Third Annual Dawgs 4 Paws event! We hope to see you there to support our 4Paws Pet Food Pantry, as well as the vendors and event coordinators who are participating. There are many volunteer opportunities including craft stations, photo booth help, and others. Please contact Mimi, Marty or Tiffany if you would like to be a part of this event!

Education commission is offering bookplates to anyone who wishes to purchase these as a memorial or in memory of a loved one. The bookplates will be placed inside the front cover of the new pew Bibles. The cost is \$10 each.

The Episcopal Parish of Alton now offers Online Giving! Scan the QR code to make one-time or monthly contributions.



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Lydia, Elizabeth, Destiny, Will, Tori, Barbara, Sue, Honey, Linda, Sam, Patty, Victor, Don, Baby Emerson, Janice, Barbara, Brenda, Dane, Greg, Irene, Charles, Tracy, and those known only to us.

Prayers are also remembered for the departed, Terry.

Please contact the office if you have someone you would like added to the prayer list. Individuals will remain on the list for one month and will be re-added upon request.

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