



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

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September 2, 2018 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Today, our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in Kahler Hall for a special end of summer session of games and ice cream. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Today the Youth Group (grades 6-12) is invited to join in the Sunday school program as a participant or leader, join the Pick-up Choir, serve as Acolytes, or usher or simply enjoy attending the service.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

*Chorale Prelude on Nettleton
Fantasy on St. Denio*

*A.P. Van Zoberstive
Fred B. Bincks*

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Processional

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

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

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn
All stand to sing.

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

All stand and together say

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 catholic¹ and apostolic² 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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

Leader

Father, we pray for your holy 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;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those affected by the fires and floods;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

(The people may add silently their own prayer petitions.)

Deacon

God of judgement and mercy, when we hide ourselves in shame, you seek us out in love. Grant us the fullness of your forgiveness, that as one people, united by your grace, we may stand with Christ against the powers of evil. **Amen.**

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor
A period of silence is observed.

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.

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

All stand as they are able.

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

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Labor Day Blessing

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Table

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

BCP p. 377

Offertory Anthem *Forever* *B. Johnson, K. Jobe, J. Johnson, G. Wilson*
J. Taylor, C. Black Gifford
Terry Gorka – Voice/Guitar

Presentation Hymn **O worship the King (v.1-3)** **Hymnal 388**
Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing.

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
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

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

*Revelation Song
Worthy Is the Lamb
Terry Gorka – Voice/Guitar*

*Chris Tomlin
Darlene Zschech*

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

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.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

May the Peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymnal 436

Please stand.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Dismissal

Please stand.

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Postlude on Come, Labor On!

Jack W. Jones

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Many thanks to our guest musician, Terry Gorka.

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.

- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at www.lectionarypage.net



St. Paul's GO

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

Here's How:

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest
password is 8056435033
2. Download a QR Code Reader app: Google Play [Android]App Store [iPhone]
3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.

Digital Disciples are in The House!

If you see someone typing on their phone or iPad, know that they are serving as E-vangelists, spreading the Good News far and wide through social media. You too can be a Digital Disciple -

Follow & Post to Twitter: @stpaulsventura

Like & Post on Facebook Group Page: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura, California

Like & Share Facebook Page: St. Paul's Ventura

St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!



*This sign means,
"I love you."*

Our rector, the Rev. Susan Bek, has made a commitment to incorporate American Sign Language (ASL) every time she celebrates the Eucharist. This reflects our commitment to welcoming all, and our willingness to change and adapt to become more accessible.

Classes in ASL are offered at St. Paul's. Please contact us for upcoming opportunities. Past classes have included: Introduction to ASL (fingerspelling, vocabulary and deaf culture), Song Signing Children's Songs, Song Signing Christmas Hymns, and Signing the Lord's Prayer.

Serving This Week

Acolytes	Charlotte Bretz, Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian
Chalice	Roger Crow, Drew Darby
Psalm	Roger Crow
Lay Readers	Lori Redding, Ernie Fickerson
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Dolen
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Chuck & Margie Cole
Ushers	Maggie Kennedy, Jeff Brown
Welcome Ministry	Julie Braithwaite, Kay Armstrong
Sunday School Leaders	Heidi Trevisan, Sarah Lamola
Hospitality Sponsors	Miles & Cathy Sexton, Jennifer Golland, Teddy & Laura Andrews
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith
Flower Guild	Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow
Counters	Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Miles Sexton

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 9/2	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:40 am	Choir Warm-up (Music Room)
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Monday 9/3		LABOR DAY
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Tues. 9/4	6:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop #179
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Wed. 9/5	9:00 am	Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
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Thurs. 9/6	6:30 pm	AA 12-Step Workshop
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
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Fri. 9/7	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
9/8	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 2, 2018

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Wes, Jacob, Carolyn, Gerri, Jan, Priscilla, Maggie, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mike, Kevin, Mary, Kathie, Tom

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kathy, Doug, Rachel, Kim, Rob

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's.
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us.
- + Guests in the Safe Sleep Program.
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles, *Deanery One in Ventura County: St. Columba's, Camarillo; Trinity, Fillmore; St. Andrew's, Ojai; All Saints', Oxnard; St. Paul's/Emmanuel, Santa Paula; St. Francis', Simi Valley; St. Patrick's, Thousand Oaks.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

IN MEMORIAM: Jesse Bandonado, William Murray, Jr., Elizabeth Cubberley

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

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Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.*

We're praying for you every day.

Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning.

8:00 am Vicki Paul

10:15 am Miles & Cathy Sexton, Jennifer Golland, Laura & Teddy Andrews

(Next week for hospitality: 8 am – Liz & Ian McEwan 10:15 am – Nate & Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly, Greg & Karyn Jackson)

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



TODAY:

Terry Gorka will play guitar and sing contemporary Christian favorites.

Next Sunday: The Choir returns! The season kicks off with an original composition by Felix Eisenhauer and a contemporary favorite *Healing Waters*. Stay tuned all season for exciting music all around!

Our thanks to everyone who is busily preparing for a wonderful coming season of uplifting and inspiring music at St. Paul's. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the music ministry, please speak with Felix or Tara. It's going to be a great year!

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS



We are working our way through a 30 Day Evangelism Challenge. We'll be sharing our faith, supporting one another along this amazing journey, and doing what Jesus calls us to do...spread the Good News while loving and serving the world in his name. Over the course of the next month, check our e-news, website, and Facebook page. "Like" and "share" posts as you choose. "Like" and "follow" our Facebook Page if you want to keep in touch. There will be a new challenge every day. God bless you all. #StPaulsVentura #episcopal www.saintpaulsventura.org

MISSION OUTREACH - JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION (October 20-29)



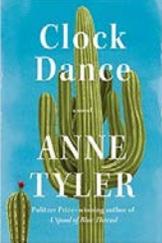
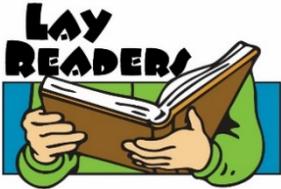
Dr. Steve Jones will be going on another medical mission trip – this time to Jamaica. We have the opportunity to help bring medicine and medical care to our brothers and sisters who are in need. Monetary donations may be given to St. Paul's noting Jamaica Medical Mission in the memo or they may be written directly to West African Community Mission also noting Jamaica Medical Mission. *Donations will be collected now through September 30.* All are invited to a "Packing Party" at noon on October 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION - HELP FEED THE HUNGRY



UPDATE: Goal \$4,200 \$3,551 donations received = funds the ministry almost through December = 1,420 meals! 85% of goal! Just \$649 more to reach goal!!!

Donations are accepted at any time to support this important ministry.

	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB</p> <p>The August selection is <u>Clock Dance</u> by Anne Tyler. This is a “charming new novel of self-discovery and second chances from the best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of <u>A Spool of Blue Thread</u>. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on September 10th (the Monday following Labor Day) at 5:30pm. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King</i></p>
	<p>FRIDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY-NEW STUDY BEGINS</p> <p>The Women’s Bible Study Group has begun a new study on <u>Job</u> by Lisa Harper. Discover the redemptive side to Job’s story of suffering. The cost of the individual workbook and group DVD is \$36. (Scholarships are available.) Contact Suzanne McCombs or the office with questions. Meet in the library on Fridays at 9:15am.</p>
	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Acolytes</i></p> <p>ACOLYTE TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, September 16 @ 11:30am</p> <p>Acolytes are boys and girls, men and women, who assist the priest and other ministers as the altar during public worship. Children can begin serving as acolytes when they are 7 years or older and able to sit quietly through the service and assist with worship while enjoying the experience. Please meet Deacon Ed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, 9/16 at 11:30am.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">When it comes to worship, Acolytes Lead the Way!</p>
	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Readers</i></p> <p>LAY READER TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, September 23 @ 9:15am - Sanctuary</p> <p>Lay Readers (or Lectors) are trained in reading Scripture during public services of worship. They may also read the Prayers of the People as Intercessors for the community gathered. Whether you are experienced in this ministry, or would like to be trained to join our team, you're invited to meet us in the Sanctuary at 9:15am on 9/23.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Ushers</i></p> <p>USHER TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, September 30 @ 9:15am - Sanctuary</p> <p>Ushering is a ministry of welcome and hospitality. Ushers greet people at the door, offer the service bulletin and answer any questions visitors may have. They help people find seats when the church is crowded, oversee the collection and presentation of the congregation's offering, and invite people forward in an efficient manner at the time of communion. Ushers are scheduled for all Sunday services and occasionally for memorial services or special occasions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring a friend and join us! (We could really use some more ushers.)</p>
	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Chalice Bearers</i></p> <p>LEM TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, October 14 @ 9:15am - Sanctuary</p> <p>Previously known as Chalice Bearers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) are trained to assist in the distribution of the consecrated elements during Holy Eucharist. They dress in a liturgical vestment called an alb (from the Latin 'Albus', meaning white), and serve on the altar with the acolytes and clergy. All current LEMs are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you are interested in learning more about the training required for this important ministry, please speak with Rev. Susan or Deacon Ed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your dedication to this important ministry!</p>



Homecoming Sunday

September 9th

Bring your family and friends and join us on Sunday, September 9th at St. Paul's.

All the ministries that took some time off, or went on summer schedule, come back into full swing. Sunday School and Youth Group will begin their new programs and our wonderful Choir will be back with even more exciting and inspiring music! Come learn about the exciting programs and ministries offered for the coming program year.

We're encouraging everyone who's been away to come back and join in the celebration. Invite your friends, old and new, to join us too!

To all those who already feel at home at St. Paul's, and all those who are looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you!

Join us at 11:30am in Kahler Hall
to enjoy our All Star Hot Dog and Chili Bar!

It's going to be great fun!



Newcomer Information Series

SUNDAYS 12-12:30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
(next to the Kitchen in Kahler Hall)

9/30 Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church
10/7 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries
10/14 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

You're also invited:

10/28 New Member Welcome and Blessing in Church (optional)

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith
All are welcome!



Did you know?

About hymn 423, Immortal, invisible, God only wise

In the EH (English Hymnal) Ralph Vaughn Williams's great skills as its music editor are apparent in many ways. One of them is his uncanny ability to create matchings of words and music that are truly inspired. The matching of this text to St. Denio is an example of his masterful gift. Further, Vaughan Williams used St. Denio as the theme of the second movement, the *scherzo*, in his *Household Quartet: Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes* for string quartet or any combination of instruments that could be assembled in a household.

Words: "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Tim. 1:17) is the inspiration for this very popular hymn text of Walter Chalmers Smith. --*The Hymnal 1982 Companion*

Music: ST. DENIO is based on "Can mlynedd i nawr" ("A Hundred Years from Now"), a traditional Welsh ballad popular in the early nineteenth century. It was first published as a hymn tune in *John Roberts's *Caniadau y Cyssegr* (Hymns of the Sanctuary, 1839). The tune title refers to St. Denis, the patron saint of France. ST. DENIO is a sturdy tune in rounded bar form (AABA); its bright character in a major key should put to rest the notion that all Welsh tunes are sad and in minor key.

*John Roberts (b. Tanrhiwfelen, Penllwyn, near Aberystwyth, Wales, 1822; d. Vron, Caernarvon, Wales, 1877) is also known by his Welsh name, Ieuan Gwyllt (Wild John) to distinguish him from many other John Roberts. He began conducting choirs at the age of fourteen and was a schoolteacher at sixteen. Ordained in the (Calvinist) Methodist ministry in 1859, he served congregations in Aberdare and Llanberis. In 1859 he also founded the Welsh singing festival "Gymanfa ganu".

--<https://hymnary.org>



Put on your best bib and tucker and join in fundraising fun at our annual ace-high shindig as we "Hoedown Throw-down" our way to fundraising for St. Paul's mission and ministries!

Git your tickets now for Line Dancin' with Louise & Woody, Santa Maria Style BBQ Dinner, Silent Auction, Little Buckaroo Games, Ole Western Movies, raffles and more!

Adult ticket \$35 ★ Child Ticket \$15 ★ Swag Boot \$25
Saturday, September 22nd, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

It's time to sign up to participate!

Look for volunteer sign-up sheets in the church and the hall.

To all Ministries – Please help the church by putting together a silent auction basket and donating a gift card!

Drop off donations August 19 – September 9