



**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.**

**Hymn of Praise                      Revive us again (v.1)**

Lyrics: W. P. McKay

Music: J. J. Husband

We praise thee, O God, For the Son of thy love, for  
Je - sus who died And is now gone a - bove. Hal-le -  
lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal-le - lu - jah! A - men, Hal-le -  
lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

**Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## Second Reading

1 John 16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

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

## Gradual Hymn

**We walk by faith**

**Hymnal 209**

*All stand to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*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.*

*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 catholic<sup>1</sup> 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*Deacon*

Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

The earliest Christian community held all things in common, and no one was in need. May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome them in our midst. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in governmental authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work at low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives to those in our care. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing especially (*The people may add their petitions either silently or aloud.*), all in the healing professions and those affected by the recent fires and floods. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the faith especially *Fritz Huntsinger, Jr.*, (*The people may add their petitions either silently or aloud.*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing

*Deacon*

God in you we live and move and have our being. You seek us before we know your name, and you give us joy in your life. Accept our prayer of joy in being found and forgiven and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Christ your Son and in the joy of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

### **Recognition of Lay Reader Ministers**

This morning we recognize and offer our thanks to everyone who serves as a Lay Reader for our church. These wonderful people come forward during worship services to read scripture and offer the Prayers of the People. We are so grateful to each of them for serving in this important ministry.

*Leader* I present to you these ministers who have shown their dedication as Lay Readers for this church.

*Ministers* Christ Jesus, you go before us and behind us, you are our inspiration and our light. Thank you for surrounding us with your compassion and your love. Guide us in this important ministry and bless us so that we may continue to bless others in your name.

*People* **Holy and gracious God, bless your hands, your feet, your hearts and your voices as you seek to serve the world in the name of Christ.**

*Celebrant* And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

### **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

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

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

### **Announcements**

#### **Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.**

*For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel or beside the vigil candle rack 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.*

## ***Liturgy of the Table***

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

**Offertory Anthem**      *Sheep May Graze*      *J.S. Bach, arr. with English text by Geoffrey Edwards*

**Presentation Hymn**      **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (v. 1-3)**      **Hymnal 205**  
*Please stand.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**      Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3  
*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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus**      **Holy, holy, holy Lord**      **Hymnal S130**  
*The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.*

**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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.  
Rising you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. 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 from the priest.*

*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.*

## Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*He that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep...  
the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. Jn. 10:2-4*

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need Thy ten - der care;  
2. We are Thine, Thou dost be - friend us, be the Guard-ian of our way;  
3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use Thy folds pre - pare.  
Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.  
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with Thy love our bos - oms fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus! We will ear - ly turn to Thee.  
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**Post Communion Prayer:**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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**

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine brightly in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing**

**Hymnal 334**

*Please stand.*

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Alleluia No. 1*

*Jeffrey Honoré*

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***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 at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



### St. Paul's GO

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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 -

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## *Serving This Week*

### 10:15am

**Acolytes**

Charlotte & Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian

**Chalice**

Maggie Kennedy, Roger Crow

**Psalm**

Maggie Kennedy

**Lay Readers**

Lori Redding, Roger Crow

**Prayers of the People**

Ernie Fickerson

**Ushers**

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**Pastoral Care - Home Eucharist**

Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens

**Sunday School Leaders**

Heidi Trevisan, Bridget Nahabedian

**Welcome Ministry**

Ernie Fickerson, Marcia Semple

**Hospitality**

Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens, Jennifer Golland

**Altar Guild**

Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Kathy Loest, Susan Talmadge

**Flower Guild**

Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow, Carole Nelson

**Counters**

Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge

**Facility Lock Up**

Nate Alday

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 22, 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, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Bruce, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy, Stacie

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

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

*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:***

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179; La Famiglia Preschool, TLC Plus and VCSAGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2018 vestry members and officers are Paul Angelo, Kay Armstrong, Peter Bowers (Junior Warden), Carmela Carreño, Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby, Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Bob Gold, Sarah Lamola, Ruth McCool, Miles Sexton (Senior Warden), Greg Jackson (Treasurer), Paula Robertson (Clerk).
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + The arrival Grace & Tom's son, Gilbert Nicholas on April 15th weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz.
- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's*, Lompoc; *St. Mark's*, Los Olivos; *All Saints'*, *Christ the King*, *Trinity*, Santa Barbara; *St. Peter's*, Santa Maria; *St. Michael's Mission & campus ministry* at UCSB in Isla Vista, *Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House*, Santa Barbara.
- + Our World Mission Companions in the Diocese of Wiawso: The Cathedral Church of the Ascension; the Diocese of Jerusalem and Diocese of El Salvador.
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist*, *Center for Spiritual Living*, *An Lac Mission (Buddhist)*, *Mormon Church*

*IN MEMORIAM: Fritz Huntsinger, Jr.*



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## Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today</b> <b>04/22</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Newcomer Orientation
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)
	12:00 pm	Introduction to American Sign Language (Youth Room)
	12:00 pm	Daughters of the King Chapter Meeting (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	The Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b> <b>04/23</b>	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>04/24</b>		
<b>Wed.</b> <b>04/25</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 pm	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>04/26</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>04/27</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat</b> <b>04/28</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)

## 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 Esther McClain  
10:15 Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens, Jennifer Golland

***Please join us again next Sunday!***



**THIS SUNDAY:** Thank you to today's cantor, Nicole Benson.

**APRIL 29, MAY 6, MAY 27:** Join us during 11:30 Fellowship & Formation to learn about ***Sustaining St. Paul's Music Scholarship-Internship Program.***

Have you enjoyed our ***cantors***? Our growing ***choir***? Our ***contemporary*** music? Our ***soloists***? All these have been supported by St. Paul's Music Scholarship-Internship Program. This unique program brings talented young musicians to St. Paul's Music Ministry while supporting their vocal training with work experience and a monthly stipend to be used for their music education. You can hear our recipients in the choir and as cantors every Sunday, sing solos or duets throughout the year, and (a new and exciting addition!) offer original musical compositions in the coming months.

Your sponsorship dollars work ***triple duty*** by

- 1) growing our choir
- 2) providing cantors
- 3) supporting young musicians' music education.

Donations may be made by placing a check in the offering plate or by donating online through our website. Note 'Music Scholarships'.



**TODAY: CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** St. Paul's is pleased to provide a wonderful (and free) opportunity for children's music education.

Our professional children's music teacher, Nicole Benson, will gather the children in the Music Room during the 10:15 coffee hour to explore music through song, movement and fun activities! Please pick up your children at 12:15pm. (All ages are welcome. Children under 5 need to be accompanied by an adult.)



**TODAY – FAIR TRADE SALES**

St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation. Join us as we do all we can to abolish the scourge of modern day slavery. Purchase fair trade coffees, teas and chocolates after both services today.



**Today - Introduction to American Sign Language**

**SUNDAYS 12-1PM IN KAHLER HALL AT ST. PAUL'S  
Three More Sessions: 4/22; 4/29; and 5/6**

**Each session will include:** fingerspelling, ASL Vocabulary, Song-Sign, glimpses into Deaf Culture and an opportunity to practice with others while sharing a potluck lunch.  
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**WELCOMES YOU!**

**Today - Newcomer Information Series**

**SUNDAYS 9:30-10AM IN THE MEETING ROOM NEXT TO THE KITCHEN**

**4/22 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries**  
4/29 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

**ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, MEET PEOPLE, EXPLORE THE FAITH** *All are welcome!*



**TODAY – DAUGHTERS OF THE KING CHAPTER MEETING**

Meet in Kahler Hall at noon. We will update our prayer list, plan the remaining 2018 calendar, create a slate of chapter officer candidates and plan new member activities. Contact Paula Robertson with questions.



**FAMILY TO FAMILY: Thank you!** Thank you to Ian, Larry, Shirley, Joan, Byron, Linda, Susan, Ernie, Gloria, Jim, Joseph & Amanda! We had a great time getting the space ready and preparing and serving lunch to our hungry neighbors! 238 plates were served. Thank you to the Subway on Thompson (Von's shopping center) for the Chicken Breast sandwiches. If you have questions about this rewarding local ministry, contact Paula Robertson, volunteer coordinator. **May 21st** is the next opportunity. We set up at 9:30am and serve at 11:30 on 303 Ventura Ave.



**Forever Found**

**This month's outreach project is FREEDOM BAGS.**

Take a red REACH BAG and fill it with items to be given to women who have been freed from human trafficking in our area. Our partner is the Ventura Soroptimist Club. REACH BAGS with attached suggestion lists are in the church lobby and in Kahler Hall. Please bring the items to St. Paul's any Sunday in April.

**Please join us for the upcoming events!**



Date	Time	Event
May 13	8am & 10:15am 4pm	Ascension Sunday Services Kite Flying at Harbor Cove
May 16	7:00pm	Benefit Concert for the Victims of the Thomas Fire
May 20	8am & 10:15am 11:45am	Pentecost Sunday Lunch & Birthday of the Church