



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



*Online Bulletin*

## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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February 24, 2019 8 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. 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**

*Melodie*

*David Terry*

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

**Entrance Hymn**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Hymnal 390**

**Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323*

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

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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**

Genesis 45:3-11,15

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42**

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

*Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
***People***        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Richard Swanson

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer p. 326*

*All stand as they are able and say together.*

## Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Leader*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace. <sup>1</sup>

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, Dick, and Liz;* that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor,* that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Barbara, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel* and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(See page 9 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Joanne Cummings, Charlotte Falkenstein, Lauren Parker and others whose names we bring before God,* beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Book of Common Prayer p. 330*

### Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

### Announcements

*Please be seated.*

## Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

### *Liturgy of the Table*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96.8*

**Offertory** *Christus der ist mein Leben/Christ is my life* *Johannes Pachelbel*

**Presentation Hymn** **Thou art the Way, to thee alone** **Hymnal 457**  
*Please stand.*

**Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)** *Book of Common Prayer p. 333*

**The Lord's Prayer** *Book of Common Prayer p. 336*

**Breaking of the Bread** *Book of Common Prayer p. 337*  
*A period of silence is kept.*

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

**Prayer of Humble Access** *Book of Common Prayer p. 337*

### Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. 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 Lamb'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.*

**Communion Music** *Meditation* *Richard Lloyd*

**Post Communion Prayer** *Book of Common Prayer p. 339*  
*Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.*

## Blessing

May God give you grace to never sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**Love divine, all loves excelling**

**Hymnal 657**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Dismissal

*Book of Common Prayer p. 339*

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*Festive Sortie*

*Harold de Cou*

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## Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

<sup>1</sup> *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron

Psalm: *The Saint Helena Breviary*, Church Publishing, 2006

## Today at St. Paul's, Ventura

You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments in Kahler Hall following the service

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### ***Serving This Week 2/24/19***

**Acolytes**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Chalice**

Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke

**Psalm**

Jo Ellen Heil

**Lay Readers**

Pauli Powers

**Prayers of the People**

Lori Burke

**Ushers**

Peter & Sharon Bowers

**Hospitality Sponsors**

Vicki Paul

**Altar Guild**

Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul

**Counters**

David Hill, Kathy Loest

**Facility Lock Up**

Greg McCombs

**Vestry Greeter**

Woody Bretz

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

<b>Today</b> <b>2/24</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Family Outdoor Gathering (Arroyo Verde Park)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>2/25</b>	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>2/26</b>	6:30 pm	A Mother's Heart (Community Room)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>2/27</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>2/28</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>3/1</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:00 am	VCMC Executive Workshop (Community Room)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Dinner
<b>Sat.</b> <b>3/2</b>	8:30 am	Vestry Weekend
	1:00 pm	Visioning with Parishioners (Gooden Center)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>3/3</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Daughters of the King Meeting (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of February 24, 2019***

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

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson  
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Barbara, Duncan,  
Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

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

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

*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 and VCSGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2018 vestry members and officers are Rose Hayden-Smith (Sr. Warden), Woody Bretz (Jr. Warden), Ted Andrews, Kay Armstrong, Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby (Treasurer), Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Sarah Lamola, Ruth McCool, Ian McEwan, Dan Wakelee, Paula Robertson (Clerk).
- + U.S. Armed services 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; *Saint Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks.
- + Our world mission companions: *The Cathedral Church of the Ascension*, in the Diocese of Wiaoso, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist*, *Center for Spiritual Living*, *An Lac Mission (Buddhist)*, *Mormon Church*

### ***IN MEMORIUM***

Joanne Cummings  
Charlotte Falkenstein  
Lauren Parker



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon  
The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting  
Felix Eisenhauer, Music Minister; Tara Eisenhauer, Assistant Music Minister  
Sara Edwards, Organist  
Paula Robertson, Parish Administrator  
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Lisa Devine, Minister for Family Faith Formation

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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- Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Bert & Ernie Fickerson  
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Esther McClain  
10:15 am-Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton,  
Ted & Laura Andrews )  
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:** Thank you to our Cantor, Natalie Epelone  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** Singing out loud the end of Epiphany with St. Paul's hymn, *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* (Extra exclamation marks encouraged!).



**A LASTING GIFT:** Thank you to Bill Brewer and Ray Cubberly for the gift of our beautiful pew cushions that are given in loving memory of Carol Brewer and Elizabeth Cubberly. Their generous gift adds beauty and comfort to our worship space and will be appreciated by all who join us.



**TODAY: Quarterly Family Outdoor Gathering, Arroyo Verde Park**  
Please join us for the next Family Outdoor Gathering after church today. Let's gather together again and celebrate the glory of creation! We are headed to Arroyo Verde Park for some winter-based nature exploration and community connection. Of course, during the winter months, rain is always a possibility. If conditions are extremely wet and muddy, we will have an alternative activity planned. Contact Lisa Devine for details

## **February is the month St. Paul's REACH! Committee will Reach! for our Hungry Neighbors:**



**FAMILY TO FAMILY:** Thank you to all who came and helped us serve lunch last Monday on the Avenue. Our guests really appreciate the time and care you put in to provide them with a good meal! The next opportunity to help out with this important ministry is Mon., March 18.



**REACH! FOR FOOD PANTRY:** Throughout the month of February, we will be collecting for St. Paul's Sack Lunch Program. Let's stock the pantry shelves! Suggested items are: Peanut Butter, Crackers (single serving), Chili, Tuna, Granola Bars, Cookies, Juice Boxes, Bottles of Water, Protein Drinks. Any single serve item not needing refrigeration is great! No glass please. Pop-top style cans are preferred. *Monetary donations for any of these items are gratefully accepted. Checks, Cash, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256.*



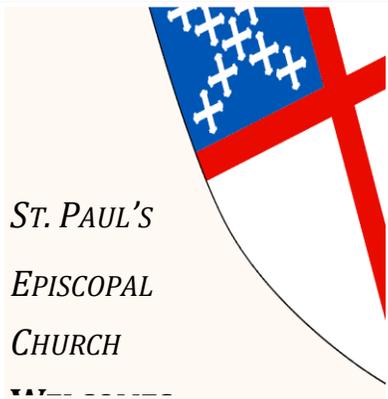
**SOUPER BOWL IS HERE:** It's time for the Souper Bowl fundraiser to support purchasing the food and paper goods for our monthly Family to Family lunch ministry, we are asking for donations to fund our ministry for the year. We serve 250 lunch plates for about \$2.50/plate and have used up last year's fund. This ministry is entirely dependent on your generous donations and is not funded with pledges. We are currently funded only through April. Please consider donating if you would like to see this ministry continue. *Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!*



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 A MOTHER'S HEART:** You are invited to celebrate the deep and abiding love in a mother's heart. Please come and join in an evening of connection and fellowship honoring the many joys and challenges during these wild and busy years of raising children. Let your heart rest and rejoice in knowing you are the right woman for the job and are not alone on this journey! Join us from 7-8:30 pm in the Community Room. RSVP: to Lisa Devine via email: [lisa.devine@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.devine@yahoo.com) or call/text: 626-622-7697. Tea and snacks will be served.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 JOIN THE CONVERSATION:** As discussed at the annual meeting, we are actively seeking a new school to join us on our beautiful campus. We are also exploring new ways the campus can generate income. You're Invited to Join in the Conversation with our New Vestry, Saturday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gooden Center (house at the far end of St. Paul's parking lot).



## New Member Blessing

*All are welcome and invited to become members of St. Paul's and join us on this journey of faith*

### New Members will be Welcomed with a Special Blessing Sunday, March 3rd

at their choice of the 8 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. service  
ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

New members, please RSVP by Tuesday February 26.

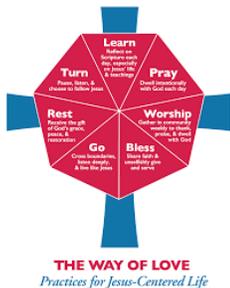
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*We look forward to seeing you there!*

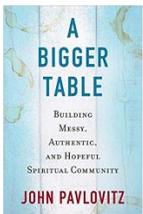


### SUNDAY, MARCH 3 MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR, The Rev. Liz Williams

See this week's e-news for a letter of greeting from Rev. Liz Williams. Her first Sunday at St. Paul's will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us as we welcome her and her family and celebrate their coming!



**SUNDAY, MARCH 3 THE WAY OF LOVE:** The women of St. Paul's are invited to join the Daughters of the King chapter to study *The Way of Love*. The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites all in the Episcopal Church to explore the 7 practices for a Jesus Centered Life - Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Here at St. Paul's, we are beginning a new small group that will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. See an Invitation from Bishop Curry at [www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love). Our first meeting will include an introduction to the practices and create the structure for upcoming meetings. Childcare is available by reservation. See you at noon in the Community Room. Contact Paula Robertson for details and childcare reservations. [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



### MONDAY, MARCH 4 FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The selection is *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* by John Pavlovitz. Pastor John Pavlovitz invites us to build the bigger table Jesus imagined, practicing radical hospitality, total authenticity, messy diversity, and agenda-free community. We will meet again on Monday, March 4 at 5:30pm at Panera Bread. See you then!



### SUNDAY, MARCH 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC! TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER! DANCING! Special Performance by Bows & Toes! Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, February 24 after each service and continue through Sunday, March 10. At the door on March 17 they will be \$5 more. Advance prices are: Adults \$25, Kids (6-12) \$10, Kids 5 & Under Free, Family (2 Adults, 3 Kids) \$50. March 11th at 4:30pm- 7pm

## Preparing for Lent



### Collecting Palm Crosses

You are welcome to return your palm crosses from last year so they can be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please add them to the basket in the narthex (lobby).



**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**

### Traditional Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 5

Before Lent begins, let's get together for a yummy opportunity to eat breakfast for dinner! The Men's Group will be cooking, so you know it will taste great!

**5:00 – 6:30pm in Kahler Hall**

Suggested donation is adults \$8, children under 12 \$5. And \$20 for families

*All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!*

### ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6



Ashes to Go 7:30 – 9:00am. Walk up Ashes on Loma Vista Road. See Rev. Susan if you are interested in helping with Ashes to Go to serve those unable to attend church services.

**Traditional Services will be held at 9:30am, noon and 7:00pm.**

**With Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist**

### LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Kahler Hall**

#### ***A Beautiful Mess***



The women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to a day of retreat to reflect on real life as "A Beautiful Mess." The retreat will be facilitated by Kristin Ritzau, the author of *A Beautiful Mess* and Julie Morris, an Episcopal Priest. The day will include music, lunch, Eucharist and opportunities for solitude, as well as time sharing with others. Childcare will be provided. The cost for the Retreat is \$15.00; scholarships are available. To register online, visit Eventbrite – Women's Lenten Retreat

<https://stpaulsventura Lentenretreat.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please contact the St. Paul's Church office at 805.643.5033.

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#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Sunday, March 3**—Meet our new Associate Rector, The Reverend Liz Williams

**Tuesday, March 5**—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Wednesday, March 6**—Ash Wednesday

**Friday, March 8** – Evening Lenten Study begins 6pm

**Sunday, March 17**—Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

**Saturday, April 13** – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church

**Sunday, April 14**—Palm Sunday

**Sunday April 21**—Easter Sunday