



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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May 26, 2019 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.

Our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 7 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Center at 10am for the opportunity to explore the Bible, express their faith through art and discuss important questions. They join us for Eucharist.

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

Dove of Peace

Early American Tune, arr. Anthony Giamanco

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

Entrance Hymn

Christ for the world we sing!

Hymnal 537

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Gloria from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer



Glo-ria! Glo-ria! in ex - cel-sis - De - o! Glo-ria!

Glo-ria! peace to all peo - ple on the earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God al-migh-ty, we wor-ship and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Je-sus! on-ly Son of God Je-sus! on-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: Je-sus! have mer-cy on us, Je-sus! you are seat-ed at the right hand of God, re-

ceive our prayer. you are ho-ly, you are Lord, most high with the spi-rit in the

glo-ry of God! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 for the reading of scripture.

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 book of Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.



Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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Gradual Hymn

We walk by faith

Hymnal 209

All stand as able to sing.

Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

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 to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Richard Swanson

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

All stand as able 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 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, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Let us pray in unison with our risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, saying: Lord have Mercy.

Leader

For all who hold authority in this world and in the church, that the Holy Spirit may guide them into the ways of justice, peace, and truth, for the good of all people everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole creation, men, women, children, plants, animals, and the wonders of the universe, that we may all in our varied ways give praise to the God who made and loves us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who till the earth and those who fish in the waters to bring food to the world, and for all whose hand is open to give bread to the hungry, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those whose hearts are troubled, through hunger, fear, poverty, sickness, loneliness, or for whatever reason, especially *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those affected by acts of violence or recovering from fires and floods, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Jeremy Brooks, Joe Hernandez *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

¹ universal; all embracing

Deacon

Lord Jesus Christ, you have sent your Holy Spirit to teach us and to bring to remembrance all you have done in the power of God. Be known to us, as you have promised. Hear our prayers, grant us your peace and love, and give us those things which we need in this life. You live and reign for ever and ever. **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.**

Graduation Blessing

God of Wisdom, bless these graduates whose hearts you have fashioned for beauty and grace. Bless those who love them and bless those who have guided them to this holy time and place. Call them to discovery, to seek their truest self, to fall in love with wisdom and claim her as their wealth. Send them forth in knowledge, your teachings be their guide. Watch over them, protect them; walk softly by their side. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

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

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

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.

Collect for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people share the benefits of true freedom. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

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

Offertory Anthem

Peace I Leave With You

Words and Music by Felix Mendelssohn, arranged by Hal H. Hopson

Presentation Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Please stand as you are able.

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

Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
sanc - tus, Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the high - est Be - ne - dic - tus
qui ve - nit, in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho -
sa - na in the high - est!

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" - Holy, holy, holy "Benedictus qui venit" - Blessed are those who come

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.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer



Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.



Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.



Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, do-na no-bis pa - cem. "mmm"

Translation:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. 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 to receive 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

World Peace Canon

Arranged with new music by Donald Moore

The Peace of Christ

Clif Cason

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 joy and hope to others throughout the great 50 days of Easter; 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.

Recessional Hymn

O day of peace that dimly shines

Hymnal 597

Please stand as you are able.

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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Don Michael Dicie

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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.

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Check out next Sunday's readings at www.lectionarypage.net



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for St. Paul's Episcopal Church near Ventura, CA.

Serving This Week

Acolytes	Henry Rose, Gabe Lamola
Chalice	Larry Myers, Roger Crow
Psalm	Roger Crow
Lay Readers	Drew Darby, Joseph Wareham
Prayers of the People	Maggie Kennedy
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Kathleen Crookston
Pastoral Care Team	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
Ushers	Maggie Kennedy, Jeff Brown
Vestry Greeter	Kathleen Crookston
Welcome Ministry	Kay Armstrong
Sunday School Leaders	Heidi Trevisan, Sarah Lamola
Hospitality	Susan Talmadge, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham
Altar Guild	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul
Flower Guild	Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz
Counters	Kathy Loest, Brenda Christianson
Facility Lock Up	Larry Myers

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 5/26	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Ice Cream Social (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel/Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 5/27	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 5/28	11:00 am	Digital Disciples
Weds. 5/29	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 5/30	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 5/31	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 6/1	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 6/2	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)
	4:00 pm	Kite Flying (Harbor Cove)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel/Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 26, 2019

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

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams
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, James, Rebecca, Lila, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Stephanie, Wilma, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Lynn, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

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 VCSAGE
- + 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: Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIUM

Jeremy Brooks
Joe Hernandez

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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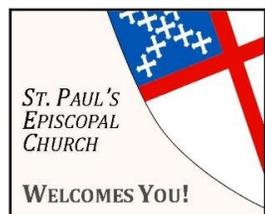
St. Paul's Announcements May 26, 2019

*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-Esther McClain
10:15 am Susan Talmadge, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00 Richard Goodman
10:15 Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.
The Vestry Greeter today is Kathleen Crookston, come by and say hello!

Please join us again next Sunday!



Newcomer Information Series Today!

SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
(meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

5/26 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries
6/2 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ
You are also invited: 6/9 New Member Blessing in Church

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, EXPLORE THE FAITH All are welcome!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY REV. DICK! Make sure to come down to Kahler Hall today after the 10:15 service and help Fr. Dick celebrate his 80th Birthday! There will be cake!



GRADUATION CELEBRATION & ICE CREAM SOCIAL – TODAY!

At our services this morning, we will offer a special blessing for anyone graduating from preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, college and beyond or perhaps transitioning to retirement. We look forward to seeing the graduates, but can offer blessings even for those who cannot be present. Join us for an Ice Cream Social after the 10:15am service. Congratulations!



REACH! FOR LAUNDRY LOVE Our next Reach project will be to support Laundry Love. This program works by bringing items and conversations into local laundromats where guests typically can't afford the expense of doing their own laundry. If you would like to donate items please grab a bag with the list attached in the narthex.

*Collections will be gathered until **June 2**.* Needed items are:

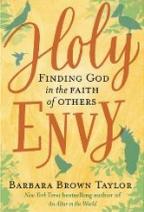
Laundry Soap (<u>Pods ONLY</u>)	Women's Underwear
Dryer Sheets	New Socks
Quarters	Feminine Products(pads/tampons)

Checks can be made out to St. Paul's with Laundry Love in the memo line.



LET'S GO FLY A KITE! – Next Sunday, June 2

In honor of the Ascension of our Lord. It is a long-standing tradition of St. Paul's Episcopal Church to fly kites as we remember the Ascension. Join us at 4pm At Harbor Cove Beach (across from Ventura Harbor Village). Bring a kite, a friend, some food or don't bring a thing. Just come have some fun as we remember and give thanks to God.

	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday June 3 “Holy Envy: finding God in the faith of others” by Barbara Brown Taylor is our current selection. She recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world’s religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. Join us at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome. <i>Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.</i></p>
	<p>MEETING ON SAFETY AND SECURITY – St. Paul's Risk Management Committee will host a meeting on Safety and Security on June 5th at 6:30pm in Kahler Hall. All who are interested are welcome to attend. For further information, please see Rev. Susan.</p>
 <p>Wear Red for Pentecost</p>	<p>MULTI LINGUAL SPEAKERS NEEDED – Pentecost Sunday – June 9 Spanish, Italian, Latin, French, Tagalog, Russian, Greek and more (please let us know if you would like to read a language not listed here) are needed for Pentecost Sunday. See Rev. Susan or call the office for your copy of John 14:8-17, 25-27 in the language of your choice. All will read together on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:15 service. Please wear Red!</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PENTECOST SUNDAY – June 9 Celebrate the Birthday of the Church and 130 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul’s, Ventura. <i>All are invited to the party!</i> Beautiful Festival Services at 8am and 10:15am Lunch at 11:30am in Kahler Hall The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. You are invited to bring a side dish to share if you’d like. Bring your friends and neighbors! Everyone is welcome!</p>
	<p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY ON PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 9 <i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan to make arrangements.</i></p> <p><i>About Baptism:</i> Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body, the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Through Baptism and the Holy Spirit we are forgiven of our sins and raised to the new life of grace. We are also formally initiated into the fellowship of Christian community. This is a very important occasion. The prayers and presence of the community are requested.</p>
	<p>NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP St. Paul’s parishioners Dr. Steve Jones, Karen and Tegan Jones are going on a medical mission trip to Nigeria on June 20. Let’s 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 “Nigeria Medical Mission” in the memo or they may be written directly to West African Community Mission also noting “Nigeria Medical Mission.” <u><i>Donations will be collected through May 31.</i></u> All are invited to a “packing Party” on Sunday, June 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall (Biedermann Hall behind the church). Stop by any time between 12:30 to about 3:00pm to help out!</p>
	<p>CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF HEIDI TREVISAN, 10:15am SUNDAY, JUNE 16 – Help us celebrate the ministry of our wonderful Sunday School Director, Heidi Trevisan, and thank her for her years of service. Though leaving this position, she will continue the journey of faith with us at St. Paul’s and be available to serve the Lord in new and exciting ways. Our celebration will continue following the 10:15am service with cupcakes and root beer floats for everyone in Kahler Hall.</p>

	<p>SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – JUNE 23-AUGUST 25. This year’s theme is <i>A Family Celebration</i>. We will look at families in the Bible and talk about our own families. Each child will create a scrapbook, adding pages each week. Our teens will be building a town for us to learn about community and who is our neighbor. SUPPLIES NEEDED—Look for the list in the narthex (lobby). We are also looking for volunteers to help. Interested? Please contact Rev. Liz.</p>
	<p>FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR DEACON ED & KATHERINE – SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH: Join us after each service to thank Deacon Ed for his 15 years of ministry at St. Paul’s, Ventura. We are so grateful to him for all his wonderful leadership, service and support! We’ll celebrate with cake, the presentation of a gift from the parish, and an opportunity for people to come forward to express their gratitude and share their Deacon Ed stories. The exact date of his move is not yet determined, so we hope he will continue with us as long as possible. Put this date on your calendar. You won’t want to miss it!</p> <p>Though no one can replace Deacon Ed, we are looking for volunteers to take up some of the ministry he leaves behind. One of his ministries was gardening. He and Katherine did a wonderful job trimming, pruning and weeding. Would you like to learn how to tend the roses like Deacon Ed? Let us know, we’d be happy to train you. Thanks!</p>
	<p>INTERESTED IN A JOINING A MINISTRY FOR THE SUMMER? SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES! If you’d like to try out a ministry or have a little more time to volunteer this summer, let us know. We’d love to help you get involved and make a difference! No experience necessary.</p> <p><i>Serving at or for Worship:</i> Assist the Altar Guild, Assist the Ushers, Assist the Welcome Greeters, Sing with the Summer Pick-up Choir, Assist the Flower Guild</p> <p><i>Working around the Campus:</i> Gardening, painting, cleaning, help with repairs, or help weed and harvest in our Congregational Garden</p> <p><i>Feeding the Hungry:</i> at Family to Family, or by handing out lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Church Office</p> <p><i>Serving in the Name of Christ:</i> Help with Reach Projects and Outreach Planning</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO: WWW.BISHOPSUNITEDAGAINSTGUNVIOLENCE.ORG</p> <p>Bishops United Against Gun Violence is a group of <u>more than 80 Episcopal bishops</u> working to curtail the epidemic of gun violence in the United States.</p> <p>We believe in the God of life who calls our church to speak and act decisively against the unholy trinity of poverty, racism and violence.</p>
	<p>ST. PAUL’S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE Why? Because all are welcome here. In each week’s ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul’s Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the “Learning Sign Language” playlist. If you enjoy it, share it. Help us spread the word that St. Paul’s has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thank you!</p> <p>← This sign means, “I love you.”</p>

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