



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany The Transfiguration

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March 3, 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 14 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

This is the Day of Light

David Lasky

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Arr. Brenda Portman

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

Entrance Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak

Hymnal 129

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

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

Gloria! Gloria! in ex - cel - sis - De - o!

Gloria! Gloria! peace to all peo - ple on the earth.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Gradual Hymn
All stand as able to sing.

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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 catholic¹and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ universal; all embracing

² Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Formed by the word and promise of God, let us pray that the merciful glory of God, manifest in all the earth, may drive away all darkness and that God's providence lead all people from death into life, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader

For the church of Christ, that knowing now only in part it may wait in humility and joy to see your full light, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the earth and for their leaders, that they may learn the ways of your peace, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who seek you, not knowing your name, that they will find that your everlasting mercy has enlightened them and called them by name, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For us as we near the beginning of Lent, that your word may transfigure our lives, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, *especially (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those affected by recent violence or recovering from fires and floods, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, *especially, Charlotte Falkenstein, Lauren Parker (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deacon

Before you, O God, are all our prayers and all our needs. You are our life and light, our mercy and hope and our ever-dawning day. Hear us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Newcomer Blessing

We ask your prayers as we welcome these persons who are joining with us as members of St. Paul's, Ventura.

Loving God, by whose inspiration this congregation was established over 130 years ago; Bless these new members. Send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us together as one body dedicated to worshiping, loving and serving you. Help us to grow in love and faith. Stir us to serve and support one another and equip us for our many ministries as we work together to serve as the Light of Christ in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Please be seated.

Prayers for Birthdays, 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.

Blessing as we say Goodbye to our Director of Family Faith Formation, Lisa Devine

Holy and Gracious God, we thank you for the blessing that Lisa has been in our lives and in our congregation. Thank you for her love, for her joy, and for the sharing of her faith. As we say goodbye, and place her in your loving care, we ask you to bless her and her family with health, happiness, and lots of opportunities to plant your seeds of love. Guide her as she continues on her journey, growing in faith and blessing others as she has blessed us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

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 *Spirit of the Living God* *Daniel Iverson*

Presentation Hymn **Thou are the Way, to thee alone** **Hymnal 457**
Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*
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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Sing three times, Spanish, English, Spanish

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.

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 his 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.

After you receive communion, you are invited to meet with our lay prayer ministers in the chapel. 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.

Nada Te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble

Ostinato Refrain



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

Blessing

May 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymnal 460

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Carson P. Cooman

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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. For information on today's topic, please see the announcements below.
- 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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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Charlotte & Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian
Chalice	Maggie Kennedy, Larry Myers
Psalm	Maggie Kennedy
Lay Readers	Janet Koehn, Ernie Fickerson
Prayers of the People	Drew Darby
Eucharistic Prayer Ministry	Ruth McCool
Ushers	Steve Jones, Dan Wakelee
Welcome Ministry	Guadalupe Guillen, Barbara Jakovich
Sunday School Leaders	Sarah Lamola, Bridget Wareham
Hospitality	Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton, Ted & Laura Andrews
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow
Counters	Barbara Jakovich, Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Larry Myers

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 3/3	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	Daughters of the King (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 3/4	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 3/5	5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
Wed. 3/6	7:30 am	Ashes to Go (Parking Lot)
	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	9:30 am	Ash Wednesday Service
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service with Music
8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)	
Thurs. 3/7	5:30 pm	AA Coffee Making (Kitchen)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 3/8	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)
	6:00 pm	Evening Lenten Study with Soup Supper (Kahler Hall)
Sat. 3/9	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/10	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation, Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 3, 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, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, 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

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- + 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 Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saint's, Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry, Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiauso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

IN MEMORIUM

Charlotte Falkenstein
Lauren Parker

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.



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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- Esther McClain
10:15 am *Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton, Ted & Laura Andrews*
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Wes Cullins 10:15 am-Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday, Greg & Karyn Jackson)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



TODAY: Thank you to our Cantor, Diego Magaña
NEXT SUNDAY: We switch from the Gloria to the Trisagion for the season of Lent, and reintroduce Joyce Eiler's *Go Ye Now in Peace* as our concluding hymn.

St. Paul's Welcomes You!



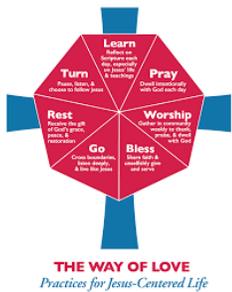
New Member Blessing

All are welcome and invited to become members of St. Paul's and join us on this journey of faith
Today, we welcome New Members with a Special Blessing
At both the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. service

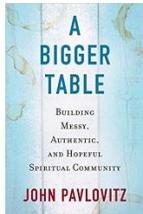


MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR, The Rev. Liz Williams is here!

Please join us in Kahler Hall after the service as we welcome her and her family and celebrate their coming!



JOIN US TODAY AS WE JOURNEY 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 1st Sunday of every month. See an Invitation from Bishop Curry at 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



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!



FAIR TRADE SALE-MARCH 10: After Sunday services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at joannewakelee@yahoo.com

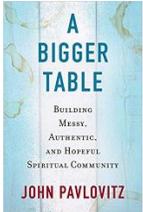


REACH! FOR FOOD PANTRY: Throughout the month of February, we collected food for St. Paul's Sack Lunch Program. You have done a great job stocking the pantry shelves! Thank you so much for all of your generous contributions—the lunches we provide are so helpful to our hungry neighbors!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING OUR SOUPER BOWL!

The Souper Bowl fundraiser supports purchasing the food and paper goods for our monthly Family to Family lunch ministry. We serve 250 lunch plates per month for about \$2.50 each. This ministry is entirely dependent on your generous donations and is not funded with pledges. We are currently funded through May. *Donations will continue to be accepted in person on the website, via paypal or check.*



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).



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!

SHROVE TUESDAY

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 STUDY

Join us Friday Evenings March 8 - April 12

6-7PM SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK STUDY IN KAHLER HALL

7-7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY



As we enjoy our supper, Rev. Liz will lead us in a discussion about Rob Bell's book *Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived.*

(Available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.)

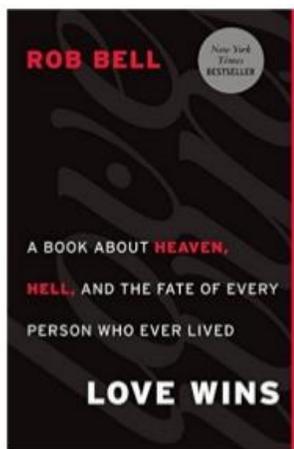
In the preface, Rob tells us that Jesus answers almost every question he is asked with a question, "What do you think? How do you read it? Rob reminds us of ancient sages who, "said the words of the sacred text were black letters on a white page – there's all that white space, waiting to be filled with our responses and discussions and debates and opinions and longings and desires and wisdom and insights. We read the words, and then enter into the discussion that has been going on for thousands of years across cultures and continents."

Bring your questions and longings and desires and wisdom and we'll enter into the discussion together.

Friday, March 8 - We'll start with the Preface and Chapter 1

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After dinner, you're invited to join us as we walk the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. It's a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.



PRAYING THE ROSARY Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:45 in the chapel as we pray the Anglican rosary together during lent.



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://stpaulsventuraledenretreat.eventbrite.com>

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

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SAVE THE DATES:

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