



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 22, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.**

**Service offered both in-person and online**

*Welcome! Sunday Services are offered each week at 10:15am. You have the option of attending in-person or online at: [www.StPaulsVentura.org/live](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org/live), [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), [www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](http://www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura).*

*There are two seating options at in-person Sunday services: open seating, and distanced seating. A limited number of seats on the street side of the church are available for those who prefer or require some extra distance. Masks are required in the church at this time because many of those who attend services who are in a high-risk group. Thank you for your cooperation You are a living example of what LOVE looks like, and we appreciate your kindness.*

*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. We invite you to sing, pray and read along with us through the service. The words in bold are the ones we'll all say together.*

*Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Fountain Patio. Children are invited to join Miss Bailey and Miss Wendy to 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.*

*The best way to keep up with the latest events, announcements, and protocols is to read our Email Newsletter each week. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office.*

*Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Let us know if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.*

***Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Suzy Sonntag and Nancy Spooner.***

*If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!*

## ***Liturgy of the Word***

### **Prelude**

The Joy Processional  
Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Janis Dunsan Wilson  
Lois Hill*

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

### **Processional**

**All creatures of our God and King (v.1-4)**

**Hymn 400**  
*Cantor: Reid Edward*

### **Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks, v. 1**

**Hymnal 178**

## 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.**

*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

Acts 16:9-15

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 67. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd verses; the congregation will read the even verses.

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.

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

**Gradual Hymn**

**We walk by faith, and not by sight**

**Hymnal 209**

*All stand as able to sing.*

**Holy Gospel**

John 5:1-9

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*Celebrant* 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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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.*

*Server*

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

May we be one faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God: for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed.**

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

<sup>2</sup> relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

*Celebrant*

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*In keeping with ancient tradition, we do not include the Confession during the season of Easter.*

### **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.*

## ***Liturgy of the Table*** ***Holy Communion***

### **Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*



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

### **Offertory**

Healing Waters

*Trevor Thomson*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**Now thank we all our God**

**Hymnal 397**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3

*The people remain standing as they are able.*

*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, sit or kneel as you prefer.*

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.**

### **Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not all together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Invitation**

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 in this holy way.

For in-person worshipers: 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 gluten-free.

Once you have the bread, you may choose any of the following options:

1. **Return to your seat without receiving the wine.** Be assured that this is a sufficient experience of communion.
2. **Sip the wine, from the common cup,** guiding the chalice gently with your hand. (This meets the current safety standards set by the Diocese of Los Angeles and our bishop because the wine contains alcohol, the chalice is silver or similar metal, and the surface is wiped and turned between communicants.)
3. **Receive by intinction** – the Eucharistic Minister will dip your wafer into the wine for you. We must place it in your hand at this time and cannot place it in your mouth.

If you'd like to come forward but would prefer not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.

Suggestion: Before or after Communion, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. Online worshipers can find it at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)

## Communion Music

The Water is Wide

C. F. Walz

Come and Fill

Words: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with chords D, Bm, D, and A. The second system has five measures with chords Em, C, Em, A, and D. The lyrics are provided in English and Latin below the notes.

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.  
Latin: Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!  
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia!

## Post Communion Prayer:

Please stand, sit 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.**

## Blessing

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

## Recessional Hymn

**All things bright and beautiful**

**Hymnal 405**

*Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes by.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Dennis R. Johnson*

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*Check out next Sunday's readings at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)*

### ***Please join us in thanking those who served today, including:***

<b>Server/Chalice:</b>	Drew Darby	<b>Lector:</b>	Bridget Wareham
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Roger Crow	<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Jones & Judy Gold
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Louise Bretz	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Judy Gold
<b>Cantor:</b>	Reid Edwards	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Julie Braithwaite
<b>Video Production:</b>	Patrick VanHorn	<b>Lock-up Team:</b>	Miles Sexton



### **Please add these dates to your calendar and plan to join us.**

- Sun. 5/22 11:45am Class Two on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*  
Church Information Series at 6pm on Zoom
- Sun. 5/29 Ascension Sunday – a BRING-A-FRIEND Sunday - service at 10:15am  
11:45am Final Class on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*  
4pm Kite Flying at Harbor Cove
- Sun. 6/5 Pentecost Sunday – 10:15am service followed by the Pentecost Picnic
- Sat. 6/11 St. Paul's BIG Rummage Sale Extravaganza – *more information to come!*
- Sun. 6/19 Father's Day – a great day to come to church as a family!
- 6/28-8/28 Special Summer Sunday School – bring a friend and join in the fun!
- 8/28 Blessing of the Backpacks and New Beginnings
- 9/11 HOMECOMING Service
- 9/23 Episcopal Dodger Night
- 10/9 Blessing of the Animals
- 11/6 All Saints Day – A Celebration Sunday; and Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/20 Christ the King Sunday
- 11/27 First Sunday of Advent
- 12/11 Third Sunday of Advent and Parish Christmas Party
- 12/23 Greening of the Church
- 12/24 Christmas Eve

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 22, 2022***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop	President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan	Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

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

Audrey, David, Leta, Baby Z, Jorge, Hal, Lisa, Rachele, Teresa, Cathy, Christian and Christina, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, poverty, and injustice.

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

Carol, Rachel, Kim, Amelia, Maria, Linda, Kay, Brian, Dave, Penny, Virginia, Susan, Michelle, Jeanice, Sheila, Lynn, Jan, Jim and Dennis.

### ***IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:***

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

### ***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, KinderMusik and Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2022 vestry members and officers are Grace Dunlevy (Senior Warden), Jordan Daniels (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Lori Burke (Clerk), Dan Campbell, Kathleen Crookston, Steve Jones, Sarah Lamola, Marcia Semple, Daniel Smithson, Dan Wakelee, Wendy VanHorn, Bridget Wareham, and the Rev. Susan Bek (Rector).
- + 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: *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 MEMORIAM***

*Suzy Sonntag, Nancy Spooner, and all those we love but see no longer.*

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month but can be renewed if needed. Please contact the church office to add or extend a prayer request and to let us know how things are going.*

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



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## St. Paul's Announcements May 22, 2022

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

**We invite you to join us again next Sunday!**



### Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Whether you're new, visiting or have been a member for years, we're so glad you joined us today. **A warm welcome to you!**

We currently offer Sunday services online, and in person.

Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey this week.

We're always happy to hear from you!

We invite you to come back soon.



This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list! [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



Join us as the celebration continues. Next Sunday will be...

### Ascension Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

**Join us every Sunday through the Great 50 Days of Easter.**

Sunday services offered online and in-person at 10:15am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Watch our Facebook page for exciting posts [www.facebook.com/saintpaulsventura](http://www.facebook.com/saintpaulsventura) and our YouTube channel for inspiring videos. [www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsventura?sub\\_confirmation=1](http://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsventura?sub_confirmation=1)



### GRADUATION BLESSING – TODAY!

**Congratulations, Graduates!**

If you know anyone else who's graduating from something (anything, we're happy to celebrate all accomplishments!), please let us know. We will be glad to lift them in prayer and send a nice card with a special graduation blessing. We recognize retirements, too! Please provide their name and contact information so we can send the card. Email the information to [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



**You're Invited to Coffee Hour** – Please join us, you don't need to bring anything.

Kahler Hall is now open following Sunday services for a simple Coffee Hour. Coffee, tea, water and paper goods will be provided. If you'd like to bring something, please keep it simple and bring it plated and ready to share. Serving tongs will be provided. Thank you for pitching in to help with clean up and to assist those around you. We encourage you to decide when and if you are comfortable participating.



### Free Class on Practical Forgiveness after Service TODAY!

**Offered During Coffee Hour in the Community Room** (behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)  
This video series facilitated by Dan Campbell and Rev. Susan will help us learn how to let go of unforgiveness and spite. In this course, author and consultant Rob Voyle uses his decades of experience in dealing with forgiveness and reconciliation to give us practical steps on how we can let go of the pain of unforgiveness and live in wholeness.



### Church Information Series – TONIGHT at 6pm on Zoom

**Getting to Know each other and the Episcopal Church and Learn about the Seasons of Easter and Pentecost**

Whether you're new to the church, ready to explore your faith in new ways, or want to help us offer a warm welcome to everyone, you're invited. Come meet people, ask questions and learn something new. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Meeting ID: 843 2505 4293

	<p><i>Thank you for helping feed the hungry!</i>  <b>LAST MONDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup></b>          Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve about 100 lunches. Thank you so much!</p>
	<p><i>We're collecting socks and glasses for people who are in need...</i>  <b>OUTREACH PROJECT – Reach for Basic Needs</b>          This month, St. Paul's is collecting socks for adults and eyeglasses, too. Bring in your old, unwanted glasses and/or new reading glasses you can purchase at most stores. We will offer them to those in need and help bring the dignity of sight and clean socks to our neighbors. REACH bags are available for your convenience. Thank you for your support!</p>
	<p><i>Help us share the Good News and keep the church growing...</i>  <b>Invite a Friend for our next BRING-A-FRIEND Sunday on May 29<sup>th</sup></b>          Mark your calendar and grab the phone, some e-invite cards, or a greeting card and invite a friend to join us on our next Bring a Friend Sunday on May 29th. We can bring friends online with us or meet them in person at the church. Bring a Friend Sunday is a day for us to be intentional about reaching out to people God has placed in our lives. For us, this is an opportunity to introduce people to our St. Paul's community and share the Good News. For them, it is the chance to meet people, hear an uplifting message, and get inspired.</p>
	<p><b>LET'S GO FLY A KITE! – On Ascension Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>          It is a long-standing tradition of St. Paul's Ventura 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, sand toys, some food or don't bring a thing. Just come have some fun as we remember and give thanks to God.</p>
 <p><b>Wear Red for Pentecost</b></p>	<p><b>MULTI LINGUAL SPEAKERS NEEDED – Pentecost Sunday – June 5<sup>th</sup></b> 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. And if you can, you are invited to wear red on this special day when we'll celebrate the birthday of the church.</p>
	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 10px 0;">PENTECOST SUNDAY – June 5<sup>th</sup></h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Celebrate the Birthday of the Church and          133 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><b>All are invited to the party!</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Beautiful Festival Service at 10:15am          Followed by the Pentecost Picnic          a BBQ Lunch with the Men's Group at the grill          at 11:30am in Kahler Hall and on the Fountain Patio  <b>Bring your friends and neighbors! Everyone is welcome!</b></p> </div>
	<p><b>ASL Minute - Learning to Sign One Sunday at a Time</b>          At St. Paul's we're learning Sign Language. Why? Because we enjoy learning and growing together, because it's a great way to explore the concepts and ideas of our faith, and because all are welcome here. The videos are posted to our YouTube channel.  <a href="http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura">www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura</a>. This is a great thing to share with your friends. Maybe they'd like to learn something too!</p>

