



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

Ascension Sunday

May 29, 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, www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, 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 by Dan Campbell, in memory of his mother, Helen Campbell.

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

Hail, Christ Our Redeemer
Fanfare on "Llanfair"

*Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
arr. Raymond H. Haan*

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

Processional

Hail the day that sees him rise

Hymn 214

Cantor: Amy Schaffer

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

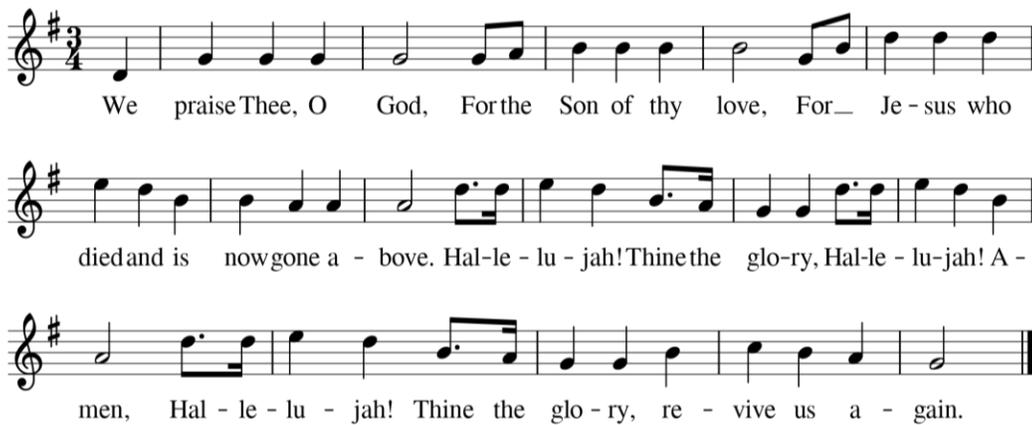
***People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Revive Us Again

Words: William McKay, Music: John Husband



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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

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 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

**2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**

3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

**4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

**8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.**

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymnal 603

Please stand as you are able to sing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Drew Darby

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 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.

Server

In place of the usual Prayers of the People today we offer a litany for gun violence prevention. Listen and pray as the choir sings Kyrie Eleison - Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. After the hymn, we invite you to join us in praying.

Kyrie Eleison

Antonio Lotti

Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in harmony and peace. Surround us with your love as we face the challenges and tragedies of gun violence.

For our dear ones, for our neighbors, for strangers, refugees, and those from other nations, and those known to you alone, Loving God,

Make us instruments of your peace.

God of Righteousness, you have given our leaders, especially Joseph, our President, the members of Congress, the judges of our courts and members of our legislatures, power and responsibility to protect us and to uphold our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

For all who bear such responsibility, for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces, Loving God,

Make us instruments of your peace.

God of Compassion, we give you thanks for first responders, for police officers, firefighters and EMTs, and all those whose duties bring them to the streets, the lobbies, the malls, the schools, and the homes where the carnage of gun violence takes place day after day. Give them courage and sound judgment in the heat of the moment and grant them compassion for the victims.

For our brothers and sisters who risk their lives and their serenity as they rush to our aid, Loving God,

Make us instruments of your peace.

Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope.

For all whose lives are forever marked by the scourge of gun violence, Loving God,

Make us instruments of your peace.

God Who Remembers, may we not forget those who have died in the gun violence that we have allowed to become routine. Receive them into your heart and comfort us with your promise of eternal love and care.

For all who have died, those who die today, and those who will die tomorrow, Loving God,

Make us instruments of your peace.

God of Justice, help us, your church, find our voice. Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change.

For your dream of love and harmony, Loving God,

Make us instruments of your peace.

Celebrant

All this we pray in the name of the One who offered his life so that we might live, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

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

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

Prayer for Memorial Day – 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 ***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

Laudate Dominum
Annelise Ebell, soloist

W. A. Mozart

*Translation: Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed his mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.*

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal 397

The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

Communion Music

No. 3, Op.68
Improvisation on the days hymn

Robert Schumann
Felix Eisenhauer

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

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

Hymnal 495

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

Dismissal

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

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

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

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| Server/Chalice: | Roger Crow | Lector: | Ralph Armstrong & Kara Craven |
| Chalice Bearer: | Drew Darby | Ushers: | Woody Bretz & Sally Weimer |
| Altar Guild: | Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby & Louise Bretz | Flower Guild: | Grace Dunlevy & Anna Darby |
| Cantor: | Amy Schaffer | Welcome Greeter: | Joanne Wakelee |
| Video Production: | Woody Bretz | Lock-up Team: | The Rev. Susan Bek |



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

- Sun. 5/29 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 29, 2022

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| 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:

Lisa, Teresa, Cathy, Jim, David, Hal, Leta, Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, natural disaster, poverty, and injustice.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Penny, Phil, Lynn Audrey, Dennis, Maria, Baby Z, Carol, Amelia, Kay, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, and Jeanice.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.
- + All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

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 Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaowo, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*

IN MEMORIAM

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.

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St. Paul's Announcements May 29, 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



Check out this Week's Video Resources...

To Help You Grow in Faith

We're creating video resources to help support our members as we all grow in faith together. To see this week's videos, please visit our YouTube page: www.YouTube.com/stpaulsventura The Blessing of the Week is released every Monday. You'll also find last Sunday's service, an ASL Minute, a Spiritual Practice Suggestion of the Week and much more. Please subscribe to your YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsventura?sub_confirmation=1 If you turn on the notifications, you'll receive a message whenever we release new content.



Today is a Bring-a-Friend Sunday.

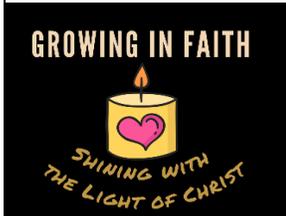
Help us Give a Warm Welcome to all the Visitors

A warm welcome to everyone who's new or visiting with us today. We're so glad you've joined us. If you're attending online, please click the link in the description and fill in a newcomer card or simply send us an email to introduce yourself. If you're attending in person, please be sure to stop by and introduce yourself. We look forward to meeting you and having the chance to thank you for joining us today.



You're Invited to Coffee Hour

Kahler Hall is now open following Sunday services for a simple, community-style Coffee Hour. Coffee, tea, water and paper goods will be provided. If you'd like to bring a snack to share, 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.



Class on Practical Forgiveness 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.



LET'S GO FLY A KITE! - Today at 4pm

It is a long-standing tradition of St. Paul's Ventura to fly kites as we remember the Ascension. We invite you to 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.

Join us next Sunday for a big celebration...

PENTECOST SUNDAY – June 5th



Celebrate the Birthday of the Church and 133 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura.

All are invited to the party!

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

Bring your friends and neighbors! Everyone is welcome!



Wear Red for Pentecost

MULTI LINGUAL SPEAKERS NEEDED – Pentecost Sunday – June 5th 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.



We're collecting socks and glasses for people who are in need...

OUTREACH PROJECT – Reach for Basic Needs

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!



Book Club

First Monday Book Club – June 6 at 5:30pm on Zoom

This month's selections are *Antarctica* by Claire Keegan, a collection of short stories, and *The Maid* by Nita Prose. We have heard *The Maid* is a quick read so thought we would add the collection of short stories for fun. If you have time to read a few, bring your thoughts on your favorite to the group. *The Maid* is described as a Clue-like, locked room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, it explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday



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"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to give. **Thank you so much!**



ASL Minute - Learning to Sign One Sunday at a Time

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.

www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura.

Subscribe and hit the notifications bell so you won't miss a thing. This is a great thing to share with your friends. Maybe they'd like to learn something too!

St. Paul's Ventura



RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 11th
9am - 1:30pm

in the parking lot
under the lunch pavilion

3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura
805 643-5033
office@saintpaulsventura.org

Drop Off Your Stuff in Advance

We'll meet you at the St. Paul's Library

(on same level as the parking lot next to the School Gate)

Sunday, 5/29 we'll be there 9:30 – 10:15am or 11:30am – 12

AND

Sunday, 6/4 we'll be there 9:30 – 10:15am or 11:30am – 12

Or contact the church office to make drop-off arrangements

If you have a suggested price for any of your items, please let us know.

Volunteers are needed. Let us know if you can help.

The Event includes a Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale.

We appreciate any individually wrapped goodies you can bring that day.

This event will help to decrease the deficit and support St. Paul's Operating Budget

Thank you!