



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Proper 13, Year C**

**July 31, 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).*

*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. 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 our upcoming events and latest protocols is to subscribe to our Email Newsletter. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please come see us at the Welcome Table or contact the church office.*

*Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping with us. 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.*



*The angels are dancing again...*

### **Listen carefully, you just might hear the angels dancing on the roof!**

As things heat up, the beams in our beautiful church ceiling expand and creak. No worries! It's just part of this wonderful building's charm. For years, some of our members have said to each other, "Listen, the angels are dancing on the roof again!"

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory  
of my brother, Stephen W. Dietrich, by Kathy Loest*

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

### **Prelude**

Andante Tranquillo  
Summer Song

*Edward J. Hopkins  
Michael Shea*

### **Processional**

**Christ is the world's true Light**

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

**Hymnal 542**

*Cantor: Daniel Smithson*

### **Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

*Celebrant*

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

**People**

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

**I bless the Lord, my soul! v. 1-2**

**Hymnal 411**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 49:1-11

The response appointed for this morning is a portion of Psalm 49. We will read it responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

**Gradual Hymn**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God**

**Hymnal 508**

*All stand as able to sing.*

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 12:13-21

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*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**

*BCP 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 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*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Father, we pray for your holy Church:

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

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

<sup>2</sup> Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble and all who suffer in mind, body and spirit, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.)* Let us pray to the lord;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.)* Let us pray to the Lord;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*BCP p. 360*

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.**

## **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.*

## **Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions**

# Liturgy of the Table

## Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



*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

### Dove of Peace

*American Folk Melody,  
arr. Anthony Giamanco*

### Presentation Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Doxology, v. 3

### Hymnal 380

### The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer C

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

### Santo, santo, santo

**W785**

**Santo, santo, santo**  
**Mi corazon te adora!**  
**Mi corazon te sabe decir:**  
**Santo eres Senor.**

**Holy, holy, holy**  
**My heart, my heart adores you!**  
**My heart is glad to say the words:**  
**You are holy Lord.**

*You are invited to stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**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 worshippers: 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** (dipping) – *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.*

***The Common Cup will be offered on the right side of the altar rail.  
Intinction (dipping) will be offered on the left (Loma Vista) side.***

*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 worshippers can find it at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)*

## Communion Music

Blessed Hope

David Foley

Be Still my Soul

Music: Jean Sibelius, arr. Andrew Hawryluk

**Eat this bread**

Words: John 6, adapt. By Robert Batastini

Music: Jacques Berthier

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

**Post Communion Prayer:**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**God of grace and God of glory**

**Hymnal 594**

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

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

Cwm Rhondda

*arr. J. Bert Carlson*

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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>	Teddy Andrews
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Kara Craven	<b>Ushers:</b>	Sally Weimer and Eric Craven
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Louise Bretz and Pam Klebaum	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Grace Dunlevy and Anna Darby
<b>Cantor:</b>	Daniel Smithson	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Kay Armstrong
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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of July 31, 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:***

Jim, Hal, Jennifer, Leta, Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, Bryant, Ron, Ed, Barb, Mary, Matthew, Vivian, Ann Marie, Lorraine, Alan, Bill, Dave, Sharon, Jeff, JoEllen, Bridget, Rob, 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, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Ed, Debbie and Marcia.

### ***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***

*Debbie Carmichael 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.*



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# St. Paul's Announcements July 31, 2022

Thank you for joining us today! 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!** Our Sunday services are available 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!  
You can reach us by emailing [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



## In-Person Worshippers – You are Invited to Coffee Hour

We invite you to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, tea, or water and the chance to sit and chat with one another. In the church, we call this fellowship. It's one of our favorite parts of being on this journey of faith together. So, when you're available, please plan to join us.



*We appreciate your support!*

## A Great, Big THANK YOU!

**To everyone who supported our restaurant fundraiser this past week at BJ's.**

Food, fun and it was a fundraiser for the church – what's not to like! We don't have the final amount yet, but they will be donating 20% of food and soft beverage sales. The income is especially welcome in this year when we're running a deficit budget. Every little bit helps! We appreciate your support and want to say thank you.



*You're invited...*

## Church Information Series - "Let's Talk about it"

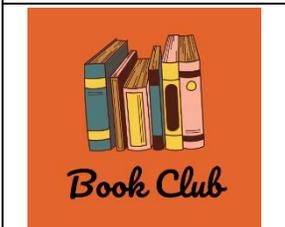
**Second Sundays at 6pm on Zoom** (if you prefer to attend in person, please let us know)

**8/14/22 Faith in Action – working together to make a difference**

9/11/22 The Episcopal Church – how it's different, why we love it

10/9/22 Prayer, Worship and living a Jesus-centered life

Join us this month as we explore how we can work together to make a difference. Whether you're interested in outreach projects that help people in need, or want to take action to make the world a safer and better place, or are looking to share the Good News far and wide, we've got lots of ideas for you. Together we can make a difference! Come meet people, ask questions, and learn what makes this church so special. We offer a safe place to be yourself and explore your faith. All are welcome here! Register for these meetings at: <https://tinyurl.com/55pptaan> You'll receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join in. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Book Club will meet on the Second Monday in August

**August 8 at 5:30pm on Zoom**

Our local author is Melody S. Deal and her book is "On the Wings of a Dove". The story takes place at the turn of the 20th century in a rural Indiana farming community. A young mother finds herself the head of household and confronts the social conventions of the period. With grit and leaning heavily on God's grace and guidance, she plows into the challenges. Her wit, wisdom, and unwavering trust in her Creator make a compelling story. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday



*We are all called to be faithful stewards of our many blessings...*

## Conversation about Financial Wellness

**Sunday, August 7th at 11:45am** in the Community Room (behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

Join Financial Wellness Coach, Louise Bretz, for a conversation about how we each can work on the personal challenge of aligning our money and our values. Invite your friends. All are welcome!



Interesting in checking out a ministry this summer?

### Summer Ministry Experiences

If you've wondered what it would be like to serve the church in some of our most important ministries or would like to learn more about the church and how it functions, you're invited to have a Summer Ministry Experience. We'll connect you with the ministry team or teams of your choice and arrange a week (or more) for you to join in and experience a ministry that interests you. No experience necessary. We'll be pleased to have you join us!

CHOOSE FROM:

- Pick Up Choir** – Sing with our wonderful choir.
- Altar Guild** - Learn about our sacred vessels and how to set the church Volunteer to be
- Usher** – Help greet worshipers and assist with the service
- Flower Guild** - Learn how to make beautiful flower arrangements
- Welcome Greeter** – Join one of our friendly teams that greet everyone on Sundays.

**SUMMER SERVICES** will be powerful, uplifting and run just over an hour. Join us for interesting lessons, moving sermons and great fellowship with friends old and new. We are so blessed to live here! Come to church and still have time to hit the beach and enjoy some summer fun!

**FANS** have been installed along the outer aisle for your comfort. As things heat up in our warmer months, please feel free to turn them on. Check with those around you, perhaps the oscillating feature would be helpful. Be mindful of the needs of others. We encourage those who prefer to be away from the fans to sit toward the center of the church.



Summer sun means pick-up choir fun!

### Summer Pick Up Choir

Want to experience what it's like to be in St. Paul's Choir but can't commit year round? No problem, join us on any (or all Sundays) starting June 19th to participate in our Summer Pick-Up Choir. Meet us in the choir room at 9:30am for warm-ups, vocal exercises, and to learn the communion hymn of the day. From there, we'll head over to the labyrinth for a moment of reflection and to pray the Choristers' Prayer. Then we'll take our seats in the "choir pews" (the pews by the piano) and support the congregation in their musical worship. We don't wear choir robes over summer - keeps us cooler! Questions? Just ask Felix, our Music Minister.



Check out this Week's Resources...

### To Help You Grow in Faith

<https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/>

After an uplifting and inspiring Sunday service, we're sent out into the world to love and serve the Lord. It's wonderful, but there's so much more to living a faithful life than just going to church - so, we publish a list of weekly resources to help you grow in faith. Many of them are videos you can find on our YouTube channel. Please subscribe and, if you tap the notifications bell, so you'll be notified when we release new videos. Learn simple spiritual practices, get ideas for how to put your faith in action, receive a blessing for every week. You can also enjoy beautiful music, hear inspiring messages, and learn about outreach projects that can help make a difference in the world.



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

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**Thank you so much!**



And now it's time for an...

### 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](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura)

Share it with your friends, maybe they'd like to learn something too!

