



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18, Year C

September 4, 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.

***We ask your patience and thank you for your understanding** - Masks are required in the church at this time because many of those who attend services are especially vulnerable to COVID-19. A limited number of seats on the street side of the church are available for those who prefer or require some extra distance. 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 worshipping 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!

When 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 through the generosity of your pledge.

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Morning Song

*tune: Kingsfold, arr. David Lasky
arr. Wilbur Held*

Processional

Not here for high and holy things, v. 1-4

Hymnal 9

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

Cantor: Reid Edwards

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 sing the almighty power of God, v. 1

Hymnal 398

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 1. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd numbered verses. The congregation is invited to read the even numbered verses.

**1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

**3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.**

4 It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

**5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Sequence Hymn

All stand as able to sing.

Take my life, and let it be

v. 1 before the reading; v. 2 after the reading

Hymnal 707

Holy Gospel

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Luke 14:25-33

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider

whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. 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 catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

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.

¹ universal; all embracing

² Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

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.**

Recognition of the Altar Guild and Flower Guild

This morning we recognize and offer our thanks to everyone who serves in these important ministries.

The Altar Guild is made up of dedicated women and men who take care of the sacred vessels, the bread and the wine, the fair linens and hangings, and the candles and torches used for worship in the Sanctuary.

Members of the Flower Guild create the beautiful floral arrangements that adorn our sanctuary each Sunday. They help to make our worship services beautiful and inspiring, and we are so grateful!

Both these teams work quietly behind the scenes, and it is so appreciated!

You are invited.

If you're looking for a way to get involved, the Altar Guild and Flower Guild would love to hear from you. If you're interested and here in-person today, please stay for a few minutes after the service. We'll be meeting in the sanctuary and would love to answer your questions. No prior experience is necessary. We'd be glad to train you. Please let us know if you'd like to learn more.

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

Prayer for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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

Guitar Instrumental

Reid Edwards

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

The Doxology

Hymnal 380 v. 3

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 Señor.**

**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 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** (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 worshipers can find it at www.bcponline.org

Will You Come and Follow Me

Words: Iona Community
Music: John L. Hooker



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4.

5. (Final Ending)



you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

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

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymnal 512

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

Come Labor On

arr. Rick Parks

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

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

Server/Chalice:	Drew Darby	Lectors:	Kathy & Tim Helms
Chalice Bearer:	Miles Sexton	Ushers:	Dan Wakelee & Sally Weimer
Altar Guild:	Dela & Jim Parker	Flower Guild:	Sarah Lamola & Tegan Jones
Cantor:	Reid Edwards	Welcome Greeter:	Pat Malchak
Video Production:	Woody Bretz	Lock-up Team:	Miles Sexton



Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 4, 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:

Leta, Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, Bryant, Ed, Barb, Mary, Matthew, Thomas, Vivian, Lorraine, Bill, Dave, Sharon, Carrie, Bert, Joseph, Charlie, Esther, Scott, Carol, Susan, Jon, 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, Marcia and Ron.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

AND PRAYERS OF LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR:

First Responders, Teachers, Administrators and School Staff, Children, Families, and those who live alone.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- *Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's*
- *Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us*
- *U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home*
- *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 Ventura County: St. Columba's, Camarillo; Trinity, Fillmore; St. Andrew's, Ojai; All Saints', Oxnard; St. Paul's/ Emmanuel, Santa Paula; St. Francis', Simi Valley; St. Patrick's, Thousand Oaks*
- *Our World Mission Companions: the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- *The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

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 September 4, 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



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.



Invite everyone you know – especially those who at some time attended school or church at St. Paul's...

Homecoming Sunday - September 11th

Join us for our Fall kick-off as we celebrate the beginning of a new program year. It's time for the ministries that took some time off, or went on summer schedule, to be back in full swing again. We're encouraging everyone who's been away to come back and join in the celebration. Invite your friends, old and new, to join us too! We'd love to have everyone join us. All are welcome!

Service begins at 10:15am
11:30am All Star Hot Dog and Chili Bar in Kahler Hall
Bring a Friend and come join in the fun!



Help us share the Good News and keep the church growing...

We invite you to BRING-A-FRIEND on Sunday, September 11th

Please help us reach out to everyone who has ever been a part of St. Paul's Church and/or Parish Day School and invite them back for this special HOMECOMING service and celebration of the past 133 years of mission and ministry. Former teachers, students, staff, members – all are welcome. Newcomers are invited too! So, mark your calendar and grab the phone, some e-invite cards, or jump on email and help us spread the word. Thank you for your help!

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)

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 the history of the Episcopal church and talk about what we do, and what we don't, believe in. How can it be that we take scripture so seriously and yet welcome all, have women clergy, and embrace a wide range of belief? If you've got questions, we invite you to ask them! Let's talk about what makes this church different and how committed we are to keeping the faith. 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!

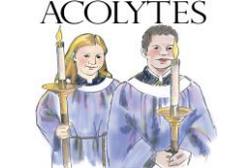


Join us as we raise funds for St. Paul's and enjoy a delicious meal...

September Fundraiser – Topper's Pizza on Front Street

Wed. 9/14 from 3:30-9pm

Eat at Topper's Pizza at 1076 E. Front Street in Ventura between 3:30 - 9pm and show them the flier at the back of the bulletin or in the Enews, and St. Paul's will receive 20% of food and soft beverage sales. For dine in - simply show the printed flier or display it on your phone at the restaurant. **For take out – must order through Topper's and be within their delivery area.** We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support!

	<p>Healing Service Returns – Wednesday, September 7th at 9am Join us for an inspiring and uplifting service on Wednesday mornings on Zoom. All are welcome! Contact the church office for details.</p>
 <p>Book Club</p>	<p>Book Club will meet on the Second Monday in September September 12 at 5:30pm on Zoom Our next book is "Fox and I" by Catherine Raven. This uplifting fable-like true story about the friendship of a woman and a wild fox not only reveals the power of friendship and our interconnectedness with the natural world but is an original, imaginative, and beautiful work that introduces a stunning new voice. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p><i>We are all called to be faithful stewards of our many blessings...</i> 6-Week Workshop on Personal Financial Health begins Sept. 18th - 11:45am-12:45pm Join Financial Wellness Coach, Louise Bretz, for a free six-week workshop. Sessions include: Why? (addressing our motivations for wanting to change your money habits); Know Your Money (and the power of planning your spending); Debt (how it works); Saving (short-term and long-term); Managing Risk (and planning for emergencies); Legacy & Benevolence (charitable giving). Please contact the church office to register. Advance registration is required. All are welcome!</p>
 <p>ACOLYTES</p>	<p>Acolyte Training – after the service on Sunday, September 18th We are very excited to welcome acolytes back to the altar. Acolytes need to be 7 years or older and able to enjoy participating in the entire service while serving at the altar. Training is required. Please contact the church office AND plan to join us for this important training. We look forward to serving with you!</p>
	<p>Small Group Ministries – All small group leaders are asked to respond to a recent email requesting information and your schedule for this Fall. Also, if you are interested in leading, or co-leading a small group, please let us know. We look forward to doing a Presentation about Small Group Ministries during Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 16th. Small groups offer the opportunity to make deeper connections with God and one another, can help us to heal from the isolation and fear we've all experienced in recent years, and are a fun and important way to love and support each other on this journey of faith. More details are coming soon!</p>
	<p>Sunday, October 9th at the 10:15am Service We will welcome a very special guest on Sunday, October 9th. Canon to the Ordinary, Melissa McCarthy, will preach and celebrate for us. Please join us for this special service and plan to stay after the service for a lovely reception in Kahler Hall.</p>
	<p><i>Have fun and bring your pets for a blessing, or come for holy water to take home to them...</i> Walk Up Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 2nd 4-5pm in the parking lot at St. Paul's Ventura Bring your furry, feathered, and scaly friends (or a picture of them) and join us as we celebrate the life of St. Francis of Assisi with our Blessing of the Animals event. We bless animals, photo s, ashes, people and stuffed animals. We even have "Blessings to Go Kits" you can take home for pets who don't travel well. All are welcome!</p>
	<p><i>Check out this Week's Resources...</i> 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.</p>
	<p>FAITH IN ACTION – August SUGGESTION of the Month This month consider joining with other Episcopalians who are urging Congress to act on Solitary Confinement. Join our call to legislators to establish a commission to study solitary confinement and provide humane recommendations for its reduction and reformation. You can find more information at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/ and click on "Take Action."</p>



This time we're reaching out to offer the dignity of clean laundry to our neighbors in need...

September: REACH for a Way Out of Homelessness

Turning Point Foundation's River Haven Project offers a path to hope and the promise of transitioning out of homelessness. Sheltered in tiny houses manufactured by Tuff Sheds and supported by case managers, residents receive job training, medical attention and drug, alcohol and mental health services. You can help by donating any of the following items: razors and shaving cream, dental floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel, mouthwash, bug spray for mosquitos, sunscreen lotion, bath towels and washcloths, heavy socks, canned food, small & large dog food and cat food, notepads, pencils and journals, books & board games, individual trash cans, buckets, PPE - masks and gloves, and heavy blankets. Red REACH bags are available for you convenience. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action. For more information, go to: <https://turningpointfoundation.org/river-haven-housing/>



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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!



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

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

Pizza Night! Family Fundraiser

Benefitting
St. Paul's Ventura

Where: Toppers Pizza Place
1076 E. Front St.
Ventura
(805)385•4444 or 495•4444



When: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

What: Toppers Pizza will donate back 20% of pre-tax sales generated by our group!

How to Help: Just follow these steps to help raise funds!
1) Bring the whole family to Toppers during the above period for a great pizza!
2) Show this flyer to the cashier **when you place your order** (or tell operator for phone orders).
3) No coupons or other discounts will be honored in conjunction with this fundraiser.
4) No flyers may be handed out in or around the restaurant during the event.
5) **Online Orders are not included.**



Proud to be part of the community!

Homecoming - September 11th
Service at 10:15am and Stay for the
All Star Hot Dog and Chili Bar

ALL STAR HOT DOG BAR

PLAIN JANE	Hot Dog Only
CLASSIC	Mustard Only
THE WISCONSIN	Cheese Only
CHILI CHEESE DOG	Chili, Cheese
ALL-AMERICAN	Mustard, Ketchup, Relish, Onion

MORE ADVENTUROUS?

NEW YORK STYLE	Sauerkraut, Mustard
CONY DOG	Chili, Cheese, Onion
PHILLY DOG	Sauerkraut, Mustard, Relish
NACHO DOG	Chili, Nacho Cheese Sauce, Jalapenos
DELI DOG	Mustard, Pickle Spear
HOT DIGGITY DOG	Chili, Jalapenos
HAVE IT YOUR WAY DOG	Made just the way you like it

BOWL OF CHILI

Add the Toppings of Your Choice

Thank you
for joining us!

Come join in the fun. All are welcome!