

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

A reading from Prophet Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The word of the Lord.

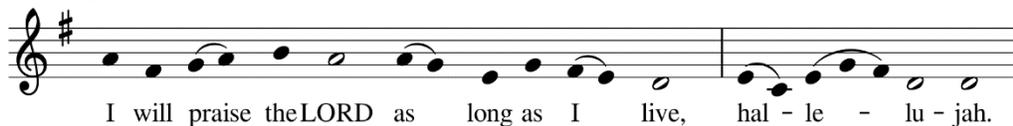
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

The choir will sing the Psalm today.

The choir will sing the Antiphon first, followed by the congregation singing the Antiphon.

Antiphon



1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
 and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
 the LORD cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Gradual Hymn
All stand as able to sing.

Help us, O Lord to learn

Hymnal 628

Holy Gospel
Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Luke 16:19-31

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

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.

¹ universal; all embracing

² Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church of God, that it may be filled with people dedicated to love, generosity and truth.

May your light guide us and shine through us.

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations; that the work they do may benefit all people. **May your light instill within them the desire to act justly and work for peace.**

For blessings on all human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of all you have created.

May we be the instruments through which you reach out to the world.

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*. **May your light bring hope and healing to all who suffer.**

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*. **May light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant

O God, in your infinite generosity, you have created a world filled with resources to sustain all your children. Stir the generosity within each of us so that these resources may be shared. Inspire us when we step out from this place so that we may shine as the Light of Christ to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, **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 Lay Readers, Lock-Up Team, and Facilities Volunteers

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

The Lay Readers, also known as Lectors, are the wonderful people come forward during worship services to read scripture. They bring the Word of God to us, and we are so grateful.

Members of the Lock-Up Team stay after the service to walk through and lock up the entire campus. They let us know if anything is out of place or a concern.

Facilities Volunteers have worked hard to keep the campus in good condition as we search for a new sexton (groundskeeper).

Please join us in thanking all these dedicated ministers for the important work they do!

You are invited.

If you're looking for a way to get involved, the Lay Readers 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

Liturgy of the Table
Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16



*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

My Good Lord's Done Been Here *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan*
Choral arr. Rolio Dilworth

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

O worship the King, all glorious above!, v 1-3 **Hymnal 388**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S128

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, whether spiritually or actually, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 physically receiving it.

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

Communion Music

Rêverie

Claude Debussy



All to Jesus I surrender

Words: Judson W. Van DeVenter
Music: Winfield S. Weeden

1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to Him I free - ly give;
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;
3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;

I will ev - er love and trust Him, in His pres - ence dai - ly live.
let me feel Thy Ho - ly Spir - it, tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
fill me with Thy love and pow - er, let Thy bless - ing fall on me.

I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all;
I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all;

all to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Hymnal 437

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

Blessed Assurance

*tune by Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp
Arr. James Denton*

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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:	Roger Crow	Lectors:	Bridget Wareham & Ralph Armstrong
Chalice Bearer:	Kay Armstrong	Ushers:	Steve Jones, Judy Gold & David Hill
Altar Guild:	Louise Bretz & Pam Klebaum	Flower Guild:	Lisa Cross
Cantor:	Reid Edwards	Welcome Greeter:	Ernie Fickerson
Video Production:	Patrick VanHorn	Lock-up Team:	Greg Jackson



- 9/25 Ministry Recognition - Readers and Lock Up Team
- 10/2 Ministry Recognition - Ushers and Welcome Committee
- 10/2 Blessing of the Animals 4-5pm in the parking lot at St. Paul's Ventura
- 10/9 Annual Bishop's Visit - welcome the Canon to the Ordinary, Melissa McCarthy
- 10/16 Ministry Recognition - Small Group Leaders, Servers and Chalice Bearers
- 10/23 Karaoke Coffee Hour
- 10/16 Fair Trade Sales after Church
- 10/16 Small Group Ministries Presentation at Coffee Hour
- 11/6 All Saints Day - Blessing of the Pledges; and Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/20 Christ the King Sunday
- 11/27 First Sunday of Advent
- 12/10 St. Paul's Holiday Marketplace and Rummage Sale
- 12/11 Third Sunday of Advent and Parish Christmas Party and Holiday Marketplace
- 12/24 Christmas Eve - 4pm Family Service, 10pm Carols, 10:30pm Candlelight Service
- 12/25 Christmas Day - Sunday Service at 10:15am

Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 25, 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, Susan, Jon, Nadia, Jeff, Camille, Barbara, Kent, Spencer and her family, Tracy, Rebecca, Jane, 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:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool, KinderMusik, Pulse Drumming and Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2022 vestry members and officers are Grace Dunlevy (Senior Warden), Jordan Daniels (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Lori Burke (Clerk), Dan Campbell, Kathleen Crookston, Steve Jones, Sarah Lamola, Kathy Loest, Marcia Semple, Daniel Smithson, Wendy VanHorn, Bridget Wareham, and the Rev. Susan Bek (Rector).
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Burke, Kent Colberg, Joe Gosgrove, Queen Elizabeth II, George Eisenbrand 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 September 25, 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



Annual Giving Campaign...

Week 2 - 9/25

If you've already pledged, thank you!
If you haven't, please fill in a pledge card. We appreciate it!
We ask everyone for a pledge to support St. Paul's through the coming year. With your help we can keep the church going and growing.
Thank you for our support!

and after church today...



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.

and on Friday...



We're so excited...

The Gooden Center Renovation is Nearly Finished

Come to the House Blessing - THIS FRIDAY, 9/30 at 7pm

Park in the church parking lot. We'll gather in the Living Room for the brief service and enjoy some refreshments afterwards in the yard. While the Treasurer, Peter Anderson, gives us a brief update on the financial state of the parish and explains how the income from this property will help bring us closer to a balanced budget. We are so grateful for a generous bequest from Rod & Katie Weldon that made this project possible.



Because of your generosity...

We've been able to keep the church running, paying our monthly bills, purchasing supplies, and producing bulletins, newsletters and promotions. You also make it possible for us to take good care of our dedicated staff. Over 133 years and still growing strong - **Thank you!**



Why do we have an Annual Giving Campaign?

St. Paul's is a pledging community, which means that the funds we need to operate come primarily by the generosity of financial commitments from our members. Some follow the biblical principle of tithing, giving ten percent of their income to the church, while others commit a lesser amount. Some give weekly or monthly while others make a one-time annual gift. Everyone is asked to give as they are able. Each financial pledge is a blessing and whatever you pledge is much appreciated!

	<p><i>Thank you for helping feed the hungry!</i> LAST MONDAY, September 19th Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve about 100 lunches. Thank you so much!</p>
	<p><i>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>Mark your calendar. Please plan to join us for this special event!</i> 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>Spirituality in Nature Group Do you find God in nature? Join us for the first Spirituality in Nature Group activity at 1 p.m. on October 8 at Ventura Land Trust's Big Rock Preserve (near Foster Park). This activity is suitable for all ages and abilities. Feel free to bring a friend! To learn more about our Spirituality in Nature Group (or get detailed directions to Big Rock) contact Grace Dunlevy, Tara Eisenhower, or Dan Wakelee.</p>
	<p>Healing Service Offered – Wednesday mornings at 9am on Zoom Join us for an inspiring and uplifting service on Wednesday mornings on Zoom. All are welcome! Contact the church office for details.</p>
	<p><i>Please invite your friends and plan to join us...</i> St. Paul's Holiday Market Fundraiser – Dec. 10, 11, & 12 Volunteers and Donations Needed Please mark your calendars and help us spread the word. Volunteers are needed. Please see sign up sheet at the Welcome Table or check out your Enews. Donations needed: Rummage Sale items and Kids shop items can be dropped off before and after church each Sunday beginning Nov. 6; Baked Goods can be dropped off on 12/10 and 12/11. Thank you so much!</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. Learn simple spiritual practices, get ideas for how to put your faith in action, receive a blessing to start off every week. You can also enjoy beautiful music, hear inspiring messages, and learn how to live a more fulfilling life.</p>
	<p><i>This time we're reaching out to those who have recently moved out of homelessness...</i> LAST CALL 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. Red REACH bags with list of items requested are available for your convenience. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action. For more information, go to: https://turningpointfoundation.org/river-haven-housing/</p>



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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!



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2nd

Walk Up Blessings 4-5pm in the parking lot

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura

*We bless animals, photos, 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. We look forward to seeing you there!