



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Proper 22, Year C**

**October 2, 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).*

***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**

Jesus My Treasure  
For the Beauty of the Earth

*arr. James Pethel*  
*arr. David Paxton*

### **Processional**

**Awake, my soul**

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

**Hymnal 11**

*Today's Cantor: Amy Schaffer*

### **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**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, v. 4**

**Hymnal 390**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.  
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 37:1-10**

The response appointed for this morning is a portion of Psalm 37. 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 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**4 Take delight in the Lord,  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.

**6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.

**8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**10 For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

## **Second Reading**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling,

not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*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 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*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**

*All stand as able and together say*

*BCP p. 358*

**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, 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.**

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

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

## Recognition of the Ushers and Welcome Committee

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

The Ushers help set up for services and warmly welcome worshipers as they arrive while distributing bulletins and answering any questions. They offer assistance as needed and support the congregation as we worship.

Welcome Ministers serve as greeters welcoming us to worship and focus especially on offering a warm and friendly greeting to all newcomers and visitors. They help us to live up to our commitment to welcome all.

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 Ushers and Welcome Committee 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 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 Our Annual Giving Campaign**

God of grace and abundance, you made us in your image and breathed in us the spirit of life. You have blessed us abundantly. Stir the generosity in our hearts and inspire us to give all that we can and, by your grace, may the gifts that we give become More Than Enough to meet the needs of your church for the coming year. Amen.

## ***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**

Pilgrims' Hymn from the opera *The Three Hermits*

*Words: Michael Dennis Browne  
Music: Stephen Paulus*

**Presentation Hymn****O worship the King, all glorious above, v.1-3****Hymnal 388***Please stand as you are able.***The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

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

## Communion Music

Improvisation on the day's hymn

Felix Eisenhauer

### Great is thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm

Music: William M. Runyan



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther,  
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, an spring-time and har-vest,  
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,  
There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;  
Sun, moon and starts in their cours-es a-bove;  
Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;  
Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not,  
Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness,  
Strenth for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,  
As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
To thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!  
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;  
All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed,  
Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to 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****Christ is made the sure foundation****Hymnal 518***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**

To Greet the Morning

*David Paxton***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**

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

<b>Server/Chalice:</b>	Drew Darby	<b>Lectors:</b>	Kathy & Tim Helms
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Miles Sexton	<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Jones & Eric Craven
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Rosie Dunlevy		
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Dela & Jim Parker	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Sarah Lamola & Tegan Jones
<b>Cantor:</b>	Amy Schaffer	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Pat Malchak
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- 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 October 2, 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:**

- + 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***

*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.*



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

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# St. Paul's Announcements October 2, 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)



Annual Giving Campaign...  
**Week 3 - 10/2**

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...*



### Brief Meeting of Ushers and Welcome Ministers

If you're interested in learning more about these important ministries and perhaps joining one of these teams, join us after the service. We'd be happy to tell you all about it! We invite you to get involved and make a difference.



### 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.



### Sunday School Family Meeting at Noon in Kahler Hall

All families are invited to bring your lunch or run out and bring something back. We'll talk about the Fall program, make plans for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. We'll also have time for your questions and to work together to make Sunday School a wonderful experience for all our children. We look forward to seeing you there!

*and this afternoon 4-5pm...*



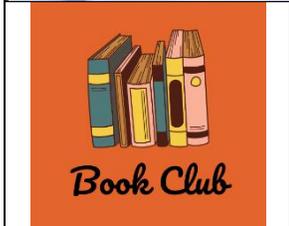
### Walk Up Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 2nd 4-5pm in the parking lot** 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, 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!



**Because of your generosity...**

**Ways your Pledge Makes a Difference - #2** Sunday Worship Services. As a liturgical church, the heart and soul of who we are is expressed in our worship services. Your pledge makes it possible for us to offer weekly worship services as we have for over 133 years. **Thank you!**

	<p><b>Why should I pledge instead of just giving?</b></p> <p>Making a commitment in advance enables us to come up with a budget and plan for the coming year. We are grateful for every gift. In order to do responsible fiscal planning, we need to have an idea of how much will be donated in the coming year so we can prepare and make commitments regarding staff, facilities and programs.</p>
	<p><i>Mark your calendar. Please plan to join us for this special event!</i></p> <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am</b></p> <p>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>Loose donations made at this service will be donated to Rev. McCarthy's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity!</i></p>
	<p><i>Help us share the Good News and keep the church growing...</i></p> <p><b>We invite you to BRING-A-FRIEND Next Sunday, Oct. 9th</b></p> <p>Mark your calendar and grab the phone, some e-invite cards, or a greeting card and invite a friend to join us on our next Bring a Friend Sunday, next Sunday, Oct. 9th. We can bring friends online with us or meet them in person at the church. Bring a Friend Sunday is a day for us to be intentional about reaching out to people God has placed in our lives. For us, this is an opportunity to introduce people to our St. Paul's community and share the Good News. For them, it is the chance to meet people, hear an uplifting message, and get inspired.</p>
	<p><i>Calling all great cooks and planners...</i></p> <p><b>A Special Reception for the Canon to the Ordinary will follow the service on 10/9</b></p> <p><i>We're looking for volunteers to bring Your Signature Dish or Something Venturan</i></p> <p><i>If you can help, please let us know. Thank you!</i></p>
	<p><b>Book Club – Special Event Oct. 8 and Zoom Meeting on Oct. 3</b></p> <p>This month's choice is The Barbarian Nurseries by Hector Tobar. This is also the Camarillo Public Library selection for Camarillo Reads: One City, One Book. He will be discussing The Barbarian Nurseries, followed by a Q&amp;A on October 8 from 2:00-3:00. Tickets will be available at the 2nd floor Reference Desk beginning September 14. Maximum two tickets per individual. Please let us know if you are planning to attend. We will also meet on Zoom on October 3rd at 5:30pm. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p><b>Spirituality in Nature Group – Oct. 8 at 1pm</b></p> <p>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><b>Memorial Service</b></p> <p>A service celebrating the lives of Harry &amp; Margery Dickinson will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 8 at 11:30am</p> <p>All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to St. Paul's.</p> <p><i>May they rest in peace and rise in glory. And may God bless those who mourn with a sense of peace and delight at the wonderful memories they have to treasure. Amen.</i></p>
	<p><i>Please invite your friends and plan to join us...</i></p> <p><b>St. Paul's Holiday Market Fundraiser – Dec. 9, 10, &amp; 11</b></p> <p><b>Volunteers and Donations Needed</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Thank you so much!</b></p>

**RESOURCES TO GROW in Faith**  
 Blessing of the Week, ASL Minute, Sermons, Services, Prayers, Peace Project, Music and more!

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. 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.

**BE (THE) Church!**

*This month let's help our animal friends...*

**October: REACH for Paws to help Homeless Pets**

Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. The wish list is canned pet food, pet treats, blankets (no comforters, please), pill pockets, slip leads (a type of leash), laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags, a "fur"ever home!

This QR Code takes you straight to Giving Page

*"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](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org) or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to give. **Thank you so much!**

**ASL MINUTE**  
 Learning to Sign ONE SUNDAY AT A TIME

*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!

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

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