



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



## Second Sunday after Pentecost

**June 2, 2024 at 10:15 a.m.**

Service offered both in-person and online

*Online Bulletin*

**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).

**Safety Protocols** –Because some among us are at higher risk and continue to want some additional distance, we've reserved several pews in the front on the chapel side of the sanctuary for those with masks. Masks are optional on the Loma Vista side. We hope this will make it possible for everyone to find a place in the church where they can feel safe and comfortable. Thank you for your understanding. You are a shining example of what LOVE looks like.

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. The best way to keep up with everything that's going on at St. Paul's 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 office.

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact the church office to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am. Children are invited to join Miss Ana, Miss Cassidy and Miss Nairi 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.

Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping with us. Let us know if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.

	<p><i>The angels are dancing again...</i></p> <p><b>Listen carefully, you just might hear the angels dancing on the roof!</b></p> <p>As things heat up, the beams in our beautiful church ceiling expand and creak. No worries! It's just part of this wonderful building's charm. For years, some of our members have said to each other, "Listen, the angels are dancing on the roof again!"</p>
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**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**

Blessed Jesus, at Thy word  
We are gathered all to hear Thee;

*Tune: Liebster Jesu, by J. Ahle  
arr. Frederick Frahm*

We welcome this morning our guest musician, Carlos Ozuna.  
*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

### **Processional**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

**Hymn 7**

*Cantor: Annelise Ebell*

### **Opening Salutation**

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

*Celebrant*  
**People**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed by 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**

**O bless the Lord, my soul! v.1**

**Hymnal 411**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

*As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.*

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 81:1-10**

The response appointed for this morning is a portion of Psalm 81. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses and the congregation is invited to read the even-numbered verses.

1 Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

**4 For this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph,  
when he came out of the land of Egypt.

**6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."**

7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

9 There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

**10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

## Gradual Hymn

**I call on thee, Lord Jesus**

**Hymn 634**

*Please stand as you are able to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

Mark 2:23-3:6

*Please remain standing as you are able and face the Gospel.*

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

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

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

## The Sermon

Father Dick Swanson

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

*BCP p. 358*

*All stand as able and together say*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*

On this Trinity Sunday, let us lift our petitions to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, saying:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ministers of the church, that they build a community of love which flows from the community of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For every member of the human family, that we be guided to all truth by the Spirit of Truth, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the stewards of the earth, that they accept creation as a wondrous gift and work to preserve its beauty, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who celebrate community here, that our labors spread joy and our witness bring peace, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering, especially those affected by acts of violence, and by disasters such as fire, flood and storm. For the dying all who grieve, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially... *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

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

*Celebrant*

O God our Father, from whom all blessings flow, we thank you and praise you. Answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ your Son, who celebrates life with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*BCP p. 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

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

# ***Liturgy of the Table*** ***Holy Communion***

## **Offertory Sentence**

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



*Thank you for your donation, and for your pledge.  
Your generosity is appreciated!  
We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ  
with whatever you are able to give.*

## **Offertory**

Corrente from Partita No. 2 in D minor  
*Carlos Ozuna, violin*

*J. S. Bach*

*Carlos is currently pursuing his Associates Degree in Music at Ventura College. He has been playing the Violin for 8 years and is currently concertmaster of the Ventura College Symphony Orchestra. He is a finalist of the Schwab Competition at Ventura College and will play for the final round this July.*

## **Presentation Hymn**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**O Jesus, I have promised**

**Hymnal 655**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

*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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sanctus**

**Santo, santo, santo**

**W785**

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

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

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

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not all together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Invitation**

This is the Banquet of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow, and you who fear you have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

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*For in-person worshippers: Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the Eucharist. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.*

***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.***

*Regardless of which side you are sitting on, when you come forward, please go to whichever side is offering the wine in the way you prefer to receive it.*

*Those receiving by intinction are asked to help themselves to a small paper cup.*

*Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer.*

**You may also choose to return to your seat without receiving the wine.**

*Be assured that it is a sufficient experience of communion.*

**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.*

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*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**

Allegro from Violin Concerto #3 in G Major

W. A. Mozart

### **You are Near**

Daniel L. Schutte

*Yahweh, I know You are near,  
standing always at my side.*

*You guard me from the foe.  
And You lead me in ways everlasting.*

- 1 Lord, You have searched my heart,  
and You know when I sit and when I stand.  
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,  
keeping me from harm.  
*Refrain*
- 2 Where can I run from Your love?  
If I climb to the heavens You are there;  
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,  
still I'd find You there.  
*Refrain*
- 3 You know my heart and its ways,  
You who formed me before I was born,  
In the secret of darkness before I saw  
the sun in my mother's womb.  
*Refrain*
- 4 Marvelous to me are Your works;  
how profound are Your thoughts, my Lord.  
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,  
You would still be there.  
*Refrain*

## **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 God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old**

**Hymnal 567**

*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

Prelude & Fugues in A Minor

*arr. J. Bert Carlson*

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*Check out next Sunday's readings at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)*

***Please join us in thanking those serving this week:***

<b>Server:</b>	Drew Darby	<b>Lectors:</b>	Tim & Kathy Helms
<b>Chalice:</b>	Miles Sexton	<b>Ushers:</b>	Sally Weimer & Dan Wakelee
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Rosie Dunlevy & Pippa Darby	<b>Cantor:</b>	Annelise Ebell
<b>Announcements:</b>	Kathleen Crookston		
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Pam Klebaum & Louise Bretz	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Tegan Jones & Sarah Lamola
<b>Video Production:</b>	Patrick VanHorn	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Kay Armstrong
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Kathleen Crookston	<b>Lock-up Team:</b>	Miles Sexton

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

Thurs. 6/6 Healing Service – 10 AM  
Bible Study – 11 AM  
Sun. 6/9 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am  
Thurs. 6/13 Healing Service – 10 AM  
Bible Study – 11 AM  
Sat. 6/15 SING group hike at SATWIWA - 9 AM  
Sun. 6/16 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and Choir Tour Commission – service at 10:15 am  
Thurs. 6/20 Healing Service – 10 AM  
Bible Study 11 AM  
Sun. 6/23 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am; Kara's farewell party!

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of June 2, 2024***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson, Greg Larkin, Vicki Mouradian
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:***

Bert, Rev. Susan, Barb, Barbara, Alan, Mary, Kay, Ralph, 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, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Carol, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian, Ron and Pam.

### ***IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:***

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

### ***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 Wiaowo*, 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.*



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

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# St. Paul's Announcements June 2, 2024

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.**

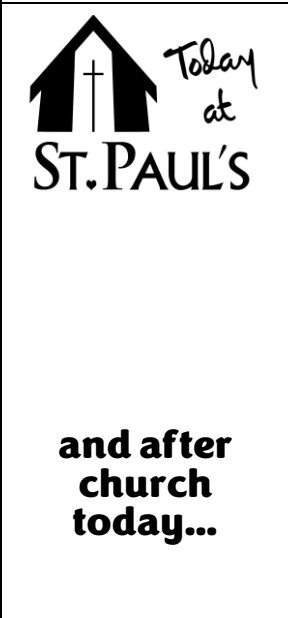


## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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. 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)



## Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost

This week we continue our study of the Gospel of Mark and hear the Pharisees challenge Jesus for healing a man with a withered hand on the sabbath. Join us as we learn that we must put love above all else. Come enjoy inspiring scripture, beautiful prayers, wonderful music and an uplifting message of hope and love. Come to church and get inspired!



## Join us for Coffee Hour

In-person worshippers are invited to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, or tea and some refreshments. This gives us 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.



Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

## A warm welcome to you!

We're so glad you joined us today. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back again soon.



This time we're reaching out to support Ventura's kids as they go back to school...

## OUTREACH PROJECT


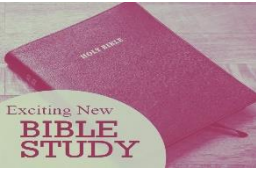






### June & July – REACH for Back-to-School Supplies

We invite you to join in whatever way you can to support our current REACH project. Your prayers are welcome! REACH bags are available for your convenience. Take one with you when you go shopping and bring it back with your gifts of love and care to help support God's children. Every child in Ventura County deserves to go back to school with all the supplies they need to succeed. Thanks for helping make this happen. Your support is appreciated!



## Book Club – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm on Zoom

The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Our next book will be *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. *Tom Lake* is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. Our book for July will be *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1<sup>st</sup>monday

	<p><b>Healing Service</b> Our weekly Healing Prayer Service with Eucharist will begin on Thursday, June 6 in the church at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Rev. Vicki. Please join us for a time of quiet, inspiration, and worship as we invite Christ into our lives for healing of body, mind, and soul.</p>
	<p><b>Bible Study</b> Our weekly Bible Study, led by Rev. Vicki, will also begin on Thursday, June 6 in the Church Library at 11:00 a.m. We will be studying the upcoming readings for each Sunday from the Revised Common Lectionary and the commentary, <i>Keeping Holy Time</i>, edited by Douglas E. Wingeier. Please join us for coffee and cookies, fellowship and discussion as we navigate the words of scripture. Please bring a Bible and if you have it, one with the NRSV translation. All are welcome!</p>
	<p><b>Summer Bible Study</b> Come get a sense of what it was like to be one of the earliest Christians as we study Paul's letters to the faithful at Ephesus, Philippi, and Colossae, major cities at the heart of the Greco-Roman world. Our summer series meetings on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 will be focused on Bible study and discussion, with some prayer and fellowship before and after...and dessert! Children are most welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to <a href="mailto:Seminary Intern">email Seminary Intern Drew Darby</a>.</p>
	<p><b>Confirmation Classes Begin June 23<sup>rd</sup>!</b> People who would like to learn more about the history, ministry and worship of the Episcopal Church are invited to join the Confirmation Class on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. We will gather in the library from 12:30 to 2:30 to learn about the church we love. Sign up on the sheet located on the Welcome table.</p>
	<p><b>Looking for a volunteer opportunity?</b> We are looking for ushers and greeters to help with Sunday services. Free training provided! Speak with Rev. Greg, Rev. Vicki, Drew Darby or call the office and leave a message. We need you!!</p>
	<p><b>Two invitations from the Men's Group.</b> We hope that you can join us for one or both of these weekly activities: <b>Tuesday Evening Bible Study</b> - We meet at 6 p.m. at Winchesters Grill on Main Street for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. We are starting a new study of the book of Galatians. <b>Friday Morning Breakfast</b> - We meet at 7 a.m. at Black Bear Diner on Harbor Boulevard for breakfast, fellowship and a study of the lectionary reading appointed for the week.</p>
	<p><b>Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature?</b> Join us as we explore and appreciate God's creation. After a couple false starts due to rain and other circumstances, the next Spirituality in Nature Group activity is a hike and visit to the Satwiwa Native American Indian Cultural Center in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area on Saturday June 15. In addition to a short hike, we will explore the legacy of the indigenous people who originally inhabited our region. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Rancho Sierra Vista trailhead located off Potrero Road (follow the entrance road for Rancho Sierra Vista to the parking lot at the end of the road). Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:dan.wakelee@att.net">dan.wakelee@att.net</a> or to our Facebook event <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/7501267796631766">https://www.facebook.com/events/7501267796631766</a>.</p>
	<p><b>Going on Vacation?</b> If you are on our regular schedule of Sunday volunteers (<i>Ushers, Servers, Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Welcome Committee, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Lock Up Team, etc.</i>) and will be away on a Sunday when you're scheduled to serve, please try to trade with someone and let the church office know who to expect that Sunday. If you need our assistance, please let us know. Thank you so much for serving the church, and we wish you a wonderful vacation! Any questions, contact the office.</p>



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*Interested in checking out a ministry this summer?*

**Summer Ministry Experiences**

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

CHOOSE FROM:

**Pick Up Choir** – Sing with our wonderful choir.

**Altar Guild** - Learn about our sacred vessels and how to set the church for services

**Usher** – Help greet worshipers and assist with the service

**Flower Guild** - Learn how to make beautiful flower arrangements

**Welcome Greeter** – Join one of our friendly teams that greet everyone on Sundays.

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

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