



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

**June 9, 2024 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).

**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.

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|  | <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**

I Call to Thee

*Setting: Christian Geist, of the chorale,  
Aus Tiefer Not Schrei ich zu dier*

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

**Processional**

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness**

**Hymn 381**  
*Cantor: Sophia Cotsis*

**Opening Salutation**

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

*Celebrant*  
**People**

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

**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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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**

Genesis 3:8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; she will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 130**

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 130. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
**O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
**therefore you shall be feared.**

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*

**in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \*

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*

**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

## Gradual Hymn

**Out of the depths I call**

**Hymn 666**

*Please stand as you are able to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

*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.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A

crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Greg Larkin

*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.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

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

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

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Stars of Sand  
*Reid Edwards, guitar*

Alexandra Whittingham

## Presentation Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

## How wondrous and great thy works

## Hymnal 533

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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

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

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

**Sanctus**

**Santo, santo, santo**

**W785**

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

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

**Communion Music**

Inspirations on London New

*Felix Eisenhower*



## When peace like a river

Words: Horatio Spafford  
Music: Philip P. Bliss

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sebillows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 Though satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

*Refrain*

3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Refrain*

4 And, Lord, hast the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so” it is well with my soul.

*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

The Blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah; and of Jesus Christ born of our Sister Mary; and of the Holy Spirit who broods over creation as a Mother over her children; be upon you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

### Recessional Hymn

### Before the Lord's eternal throne

### Hymnal 391

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

## Dismissal

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

## Postlude

May God be Praised

*Robert J. Powell*

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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:***

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| <b>Server:</b>           | Drew Darby & Roger Crow     | <b>Lectors:</b>         | Laura Andrews & Ginny Dilworth  |
| <b>Chalice:</b>          | Virginia Hernandez          | <b>Ushers:</b>          | Rob & Kathy Talmadge            |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>         | Pranhav & Raghav Rajan      | <b>Cantor:</b>          | Sophia Cotsis                   |
| <b>Announcements:</b>    | Lisa Cross                  |                         |                                 |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>      | Roger Crow & Susan Talmadge | <b>Flower Guild:</b>    | Roger Crow & Virginia Hernandez |
| <b>Video Production:</b> | Woody Bretz                 | <b>Welcome Greeter:</b> | Marcia Semple                   |
| <b>Coffee Hour:</b>      | Kathy & Tim Helms           | <b>Lock-up Team:</b>    | Woody Bretz                     |

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

Tues. 6/11 Summer Series Bible Study – 6:30 pm  
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  
Tues. 6/18 Summer Series Bible Study – 6:30 pm  
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!  
Tues. 6/25 Summer Series Bible Study – 6:30 pm  
Thurs. 6/27 Healing Service – 10 am

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of June 9, 2024***

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| 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:***

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home
- + All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's*, Lompoc; *St. Mark's*, Los Olivos; *All Saints'*, *Christ the King*, *Trinity*, Santa Barbara; *St. Peter's*, Santa Maria; *St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry* at UCSB in Isla Vista
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension*, in the Diocese of Wiaowo, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills*, *First Christian Church*, *Church of Christ*

### ***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 9, 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)



**and after church today...**



## Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost

This week we hear Jesus explain that those who listen to him and follow him are his family. Come learn how you are a part of this amazing family too. We are all called to listen and to follow. 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



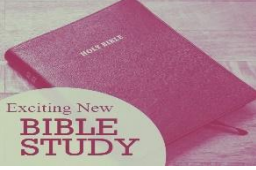





### June & July - REACH for Back-to-School Supplies




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, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm on Zoom

The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Our book for July will be *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Was Anastasia* and *Code Name Hélène* comes a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1<sup>st</sup>monday

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|     | <p><b>Family to Family</b> – We are switching to preparing a hot meal when we serve lunch at Family to Family. This means that on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> we need people to help cook beginning at about 9 am at the Family to Family kitchen; for those who want to serve please be at the kitchen by 11:15 am. The kitchen is located at 330 North Ventura Avenue in Ventura (next to Catholic Charities). For more information, please contact Dan Wakelee at <a href="mailto:dan.wakelee@gmail.com">dan.wakelee@gmail.com</a>.</p>  |
|    | <p><b>Healing Service</b> Our weekly Healing Prayer Service with Eucharist will on Thursdays 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 be on Thursdays 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:email.Seminary.Intern@Drew.Darby">email Seminary Intern Drew Darby</a>.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Confirmation Classes Begin June 23<sup>rd</sup>!</b><br/>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><br/>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><br/>We hope that you can join us for one or both of these weekly activities:<br/><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.<br/><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><br/>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> |

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|  <p><b>From<br/>the<br/>Office</b></p>                     | <p><b>Going on Vacation?</b><br/>         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>   |
|  <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p> | <p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i><br/> <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b><br/>         Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at office <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> 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 share. Thank you!</p>   |
|  <p><b>This Summer<br/>at St. Paul's</b></p>               | <p><i>Interested in checking out a ministry this summer?</i><br/> <b>Summer Ministry Experiences</b><br/>         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!</p> <p><b>CHOOSE FROM:</b><br/> <b>Pick Up Choir</b> – Sing with our wonderful choir.<br/> <b>Altar Guild</b> - Learn about our sacred vessels and how to set the church for services<br/> <b>Usher</b> – Help greet worshipers and assist with the service<br/> <b>Flower Guild</b> - Learn how to make beautiful flower arrangements<br/> <b>Welcome Greeter</b> – Join one of our friendly teams that greet everyone on Sundays.</p> <p><b>SUMMER SERVICES</b> 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!</p> <p><b>FANS</b> 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.</p> |