



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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, www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, 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 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.

	<p><i>The angels are dancing again...</i></p> <p>Listen carefully, you just might hear the angels dancing on the roof!</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

Menuet, Pavanne and Gaillarde from Automates
Linda Zotto, Harp

Bernard Andres

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

Processional

We the Lord's People, heart and voice uniting

Hymn 51
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

Praise our great and gracious Lord

Hymnal 393

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

The response appointed for this morning is a portion of Psalm 34. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses and the congregation is asked to read the even-numbered verses.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**2 I will glory in the LORD;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his Name together.

**4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

5 Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

**8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Hymn 593

Please stand as you are able to sing.

Holy Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

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

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

All stand as able and together say

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

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

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.

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect and John, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

¹ universal; all embracing

² Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

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.**

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

Prelude Op. 52
Linda Zotto, Harp

Alphonse Hasselmans

Lydia Zotto's passion for harp began at age two, when she saw a harpist at a wedding, which naturally led to a Bachelors of Music in harp from the Eastman School of Music. She currently works at St. John's and Community Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse in the ICU. Thanks to choir member Bridget for inviting Lydia to St. Paul's!

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Now thank we all our God**Hymnal 397****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**Holy, holy, holy Lord****Hymnal S127**

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Spiritual Communion

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

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

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

The Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lord.

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

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

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

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

For in-person worshipers: Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to 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.***

Suggestion: Before or after Communion, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. Online worshipers can find it at www.bcponline.org

Communion Music

Nocturne Op. 43
Linda Zotto, Harp

Alphonse Hasselmans

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

O day of radiant gladness

Hymnal 48

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

Gavotte and Gigue from Automates
Linda Zotto, Harp

Bernard Andres

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

Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Drew Darby & Roger Crow	Lectors:	Laura Andrews & Ginny Dilworth
Chalice:	Virginia Hernandez	Ushers:	Rob & Susan Talmadge
Acolytes:		Cantor:	Sophia Cotsis
Announcements:	Lisa Cross		
Altar Guild:	Roger Crow & Susan Talmadge	Flower Guild:	Roger Crow & Bridget Wareham
Video Production:	Patrick VanHorn	Welcome Greeter:	Joanne Wakelee
Coffee Hour:	The Wareham Family	Lock-up Team:	Woody Bretz

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

Tues. 8/13 Summer Series Bible Study – 6:30 pm
 Thurs. 8/15 Bible Study 11:15 am
 Sun. 8/18 13th Sunday after Pentecost and Blessing of the Backpacks– service at 10:15 am
 Acolyte Training and Refresh – 11:45 am in the Sanctuary
 Confirmation class – 12:15 pm
 Tues. 8/20 Summer Series Bible Study – 6:30 pm
 Thurs. 8/22 Bible Study 11:15 am
 Sun. 8/25 14th Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am
 Confirmation class – 12:15 pm
 Tues. 8/27 Summer Series Bible Study – 6:30 pm
 Wed. 8/28 Vestry Meeting – 6:30 pm in the Library
 Thurs. 8/29 Bible Study 11:15 am
 Sun. 9/1 15th Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am
 Confirmation class – 12:15 pm
 Tues. 9/3 Summer Series Bible Study – 6:30 pm – Last meeting!
 Thurs. 9/5 Bible Study 11:15 AM
 Sun. 9/8 16th Sunday after Pentecost and Homecoming Sunday – service at 10:15 am
 Thurs. 9/12 Healing Prayer Service 10 am
 Bible Study 11:15 am
 Sun. 9/15 17th Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am
 Confirmation class – 12:15 pm
 Thurs. 9/19 Healing Prayer Service 10 am
 Bible Study 11:15 AM
 Sun. 9/22 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Confirmation and Bishop visit

Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 11, 2024

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson, Greg Larkin, Vicki Mouradian
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop-Elect	President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan	Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Bert, Rev. Susan, Barbara, Mary, Kay, Ralph, Kathy, Sam, Ernie, 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 Wiawso, 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.



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St. Paul's Announcements August 11, 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.

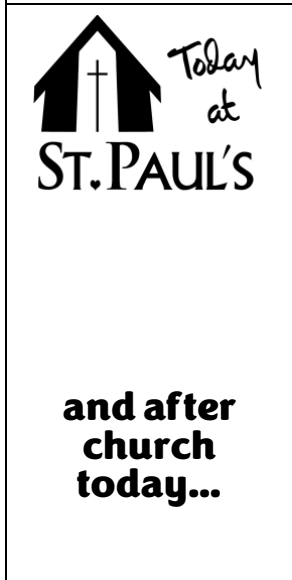


Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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



Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus continues with the "I am the bread of life" theme this week. Join us as we learn how, we too, can be fed spiritually and have our needs met. 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.



OUTREACH PROJECT

August - REACH for Laundry Love









We invite you to join in whatever way you can to support our current REACH project. Your prayers are welcome! Laundry Love works to build relationships by bringing laundry soap, snacks and conversation into local Laundromats, where guests typically can't afford the expense of doing their own laundry. REACH bags are available for your convenience – fill them with Laundry soap pods, dryer sheets, new socks and rolls of quarters. Your support is appreciated!



Next week, August 18th, at the 10:15 service:

Anyone is welcome to come up for a quick Back to School Blessing.

We will lift prayers for anyone facing a new beginning. St. Paul's wants to offer our support for families and pray for children, teachers, administrators, and school staff as we begin a new school year. Join us in church for a blessing during the service. All are welcome! Bring a symbol of your new beginning, if you like; we'll bless it too.

	<p>Fair Trade Sales – Next Sunday, August 18th St. Paul’s is an Abolitionist Congregation, committed to ending the scourge of modern-day slavery. We sell fair trade products through the Equal Exchange to support farm cooperatives around the world giving farmers a fair price and a better future. Locally our sales support ending human trafficking through the Abolitionist Committee. Please stop by our table in Kahler Hall to check out delicious chocolate, coffee and tea! Cash and checks accepted. Please see Joanne Wakelee or contact the church office with questions.</p>
	<p>Acolyte Training - Sunday, August 18th After Church Current acolytes and anyone interested in becoming an acolyte are invited to attend a refresh and training immediately after church on Sunday, August, 18th. We will go over the role of the acolyte in the church service, make sure we’re all fitted with robes and cinctures, do some training on the various acolyte functions, and coordinate our serving schedule for the new program year. Parents of young acolytes are requested to attend. <i>Adults can be acolytes, too! If you are an adult who is interested in serving as an acolyte, we would love to have you join us!</i></p>
	<p>Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature? Join us as we explore and appreciate God's creation. The next Spirituality in Nature Group activity is sunset beach time! Join us at Marina Park (address is 2950 Pierpont Boulevard in Ventura) on Friday, August 30th at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to dan.wakelee@gmail.com</p>
	<p>Book Club – Monday, September 2nd at 5:30pm on Zoom The First Monday Book Club is open to all. We chose two books to carry us through to the September meeting. The first book was <i>Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers</i> by Jess Q. Sutanto. On September 2, we will discuss <i>The Guncle Abroad</i> by Steven Rowley. The author has a signature blend of humor and heart, with a beloved story about the complicated bonds of family, love, and what it takes to rediscover yourself, even at the ripe age of fifty. Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p>No healing service for the months of July and August. We will start back in September. 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>Bible Study Our weekly Bible Study, led by Rev. Vicki, will also be on Thursdays in the Church Library at 11:15 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>Summer Bible Study 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 email Seminary Intern Drew Darby.</p>
	<p>Friday Morning Women’s Bible Study: We are a small group of women from St. Paul’s and the Ventura community that meet weekly on Zoom to study scripture and share fellowship. If you’ve been wanting to add bible study to your spiritual life, we’d love to have you join us. We plan to study <u>Luke in the Land</u> as our next book, which will begin in late July/early August. https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/luke-in-the-land-bible-study-book-with-video-access-P005843027The author, Kristi McClelland, is a speaker, teacher and college professor. Her focus is on bible study through a Middle Eastern lens. We have completed several of her other studies and thoroughly enjoyed them. She will be speaking at a conference in Yorba Linda on August 16-17; if you are interested in attending along with members, contact Suzanne. If you are interested in checking out the current study and or the group, please contact Suzanne McCombs (805-390-3909) for Zoom details and/or more information.</p>

	<p>Confirmation Classes are continuing! 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 12:15 to 2:15 to learn about the church we love.</p>
	<p>Two invitations from the Men's Group. We hope that you can join us for one or both of these weekly activities: Tuesday Evening Bible Study - 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. Friday Morning Breakfast - 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>Going on Vacation? 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> 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 office 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 share. Thank you!</p>
	<p><i>Interested in checking out a ministry this summer?</i> 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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>