



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B

October 6, 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 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>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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Flower Arrangement Offerings

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

Largo

Betty Roe

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

Processional

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 448

Cantor: Sophia Cotsis

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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 2:18-24

A Reading from Genesis.

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 8. 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 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

**8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,**

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

Please stand as you are able to sing.

Holy Gospel**Mark 10:2-16**

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.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Father Anthony Guillen

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic¹ Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Silence)*

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept.)*

Leader and People

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.

¹ universal; all embracing

² Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

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

Go Forth into the World in Peace

John Rutter

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Hymn 380, v.1

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Spiritual Communion

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
And feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Prelude 2 – George Gershwin
There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus

*Felix Eisenhauer
George C. Hugg*

L90 – No, not one/There's not a friend

1. There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus,
2. No friend like Him is so high and ho - ly,
3. There's not an hour that He is not near us,
4. Did ev - er saint find this Friend for - sake Him?
5. Was e'er a gift like the Sav - ior giv - en?

1. No, not one! no, not one! None else could heal all our
2. No, not one! no, not one! And yet no friend is so
3. No, not one! no, not one! No night so dark but His
4. No, not one! no, not one! Or sin - ner find that He
5. No, not one! no, not one! Will He re - fuse us a

1. soul's dis - eas - es, No, not one! no, not one!
2. meek and low - ly, No, not one! no, not one!
3. Love can cheer us, No, not one! no, not one!
4. would not take him? No, not one! no, not one!
5. home in heav - en? No, not one! no, not one!

Je - sus knows all a - bout our strug - gles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus, No, not one! no, not one!

Words: Johnson Outman, Jr. (1856-1922). Music: George C. Hugg (1848-1907).

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 Priest blesses the people

Recessional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Hymn to Joy)

Hymnal 376

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

Hymn to Joy

setting: Wayne L. Wold

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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 & Miles Sexton	Lectors:	Tim and Kathy Helms
Chalice:	Virginia Hernandez	Ushers:	Sally Weimer and Dan Wakelee
Acolytes:	Pippa Darby, Rosie Dunlevy, Gabby Henderson	Cantor:	Sophia Cotsis
Announcements:	Susan Talmadge		
Altar Guild:	Pam Klebaum, Louise Bretz	Flower Guild:	Sarah Lamola, Tegan Jones
Video Production:	Woody Bretz	Welcome Greeter:	Joanne Wakelee
Coffee Hour:	Julie Braithwaite & Allen Bryant	Lock-up Team:	Miles Sexton

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

- Sun. 10/13 21st Sunday after Pentecost – service at 10:15 am
- Thurs. 10/17 Bible Study 11:15 AM
- Mon. 10/21 Family to Family 9 am (helping cook), 11:15 am (helping serve)
330 North Ventura Ave (next to Catholic Charities)
- Wed. 10/23 Vestry Meeting – 6:30 pm in the Library
- Thurs. 10/24 Bible Study 11:15 am

Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 6, 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, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Carol, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian, Ron, Pam, Bruce and Janet.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool, KinderMusik, Pulse Drumming and Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2024 vestry members and officers are Greg Jackson (Senior Warden), Jordan Daniels (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Lori Burke (Clerk), Laura Andrews, Kathleen Crookston, Lisa Cross, Tim Helms, Pamela Price Klebaum, Sarah Lamola, Miles Sexton, Daniel Smithson, Susan Talmadge, Wendy VanHorn, and the Rev. Susan Bek (Rector).
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

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

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St. Paul's Announcements October 6, 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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Join us in welcoming this Sunday's celebrant, **Reverend Father Anthony Guillen!**

This week, we'll hear about the importance of honoring the commitments we make to God. We'll also enjoy inspiring scripture, beautiful music, and an uplifting message of hope and love. Come to church and get inspired!

and after church today...



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.



Join us in serving the world in the name of Christ. Your generosity is appreciated.

OUTREACH PROJECT - REACHING to Help the Homeless








This month we will collect items to help the homeless. These items will be donated through Family to Family. You can help by donating any of the following items: razors and shaving cream, dental floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel, mouthwash, sunscreen lotion, bath towels and washcloths, heavy socks, canned food, small & large dog food and cat food, notepads, pencils and journals, books, PPE - masks and gloves, and heavy blankets. Red REACH bags are available in the Narthex for your convenience. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action.

Fair Trade Sale



There will no Fair Trade Sale for October.

It will resume on November 17, 2024.

	<p>Book Club – Monday, October 7th at 5:30pm on Zoom The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday This month's book choice is <i>The Secret Life of Sunflowers</i> by Marta Molnar. It is a gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law. Johanna was a 28-year-old widow with a baby when she inherited Vincent's paintings which weren't worth anything. We will meet again on October 7th at 5:30pm.</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-P005843027 The 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>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>Unable to serve on a scheduled date? 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 <i>let the church office know who to expect that Sunday</i>. If you need our assistance, please let us know. Thank you so much for serving the church! 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>Come one, come all - children ages 4-13! St. Paul's Children's Choir rehearsals are on Sundays after church/snack. There is no charge for children to participate (Thanks to St. Paul's!). The children will be participating in weekly rehearsals, as well as singing in church every 4-8 weeks (minus breaks and summers). The Children's Choir will perform on Sunday, October 20th. Invite your friends! All are welcome! See Tara Eisenhauer if you have questions.</p>
<p>Octoberfest</p>  <p>Oct 12, 2024</p>	<p>Octoberfest is happening this year on Oct 12, 2024 @ 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Kahler Hall! Let's have a celebration together and welcome harvest season, German style! Tickets are \$25 per person or \$75 for a family with children which include: 1 beverage (beer provided by Ventura Coast Brewing Co. & non-alcoholic beverages will be provided as well), German food - sausages, sauerkraut, salad, pretzels, dessert, lively German music, and a <i>Jolly Jumper for the kids!</i> Purchase tickets: after church on the labyrinth, or through the link provided in the church e-newsletter. Buy your tickets soon before they sell out!</p>

Pumpkin Carving



October 20, 2024

Family Fellowship – Join us for a fun afternoon of Pumpkin Carving after church service!