



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist ***Liturgy of the Word***

Prelude

Andantino

Franciszek Walczyński

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

Entrance Hymn

Rejoice, rejoice believers

Hymnal 68

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And with thy spirit.**

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

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

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Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Liz, and Dick*, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel* and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by acts of violence or recovering from fires and floods.

(See page 8 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Alan Wirsig, Mike Williams, JoAnne Goodman* and those whose names we bring before God, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Peace

All stand as they are able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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

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

Offertory

Improvisation on the day's hymns

Felix Eisenhauer

Presentation Hymn

Praise our great and gracious Lord

Hymnal 393

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP p. 337

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. 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 the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish to receive a blessing.

Suggestion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music*Vier Impromptus D.935, Nr.2 in As-dur-Allegretto**Franz Schubert***Post Communion Prayer**

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*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.***Blessing**

May the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest on you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn**How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise! Hymnal 533***Please stand as you are able.***Announcements***Please be seated.***Dismissal**

BCP p. 339

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**Postlude***Celebration!**David Paxton***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**¹ *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.***Serving This Week*****Acolytes**

Jo Ellen Heil

Chalice

Lori Burke, Jo Ellen Heil

Psalm

Jo Ellen Heil

Lay Readers

Ellen Morgan, Pauli Powers

Prayers of the People

Lori Burke

Cantor

Natalie Epelone

Ushers

Roger Myers, Ellen Morgan

Hospitality Sponsors

Jo Ellen Heil

Altar Guild

Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith

Flower Guild

Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews

Counters

Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson

Facility Lock Up

Greg McCombs

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 8/11	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Room 12)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 8/12	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
Tues. 8/13	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	12:00 pm	Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13)
Weds. 8/14	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Family Potluck and Planning
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
Thurs. 8/15	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Café)
Fri. 8/16	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
Sat. 8/17	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
Sun. 8/18	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Room 12)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel/Courtyard)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)



ST. PAUL'S VENTURA
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Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 11, 2019

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

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

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, *Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House*, Santa Barbara
- + 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

Alan Wirsig
Mike Williams
JoAnne Goodman

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements August 11, 2019

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am-Jo Ellen Heil
10:15 am- Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Norm & Pam Owens
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00 Dela Parker, Bill Brewer
10:15 Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton, Ted & Laura Andrews)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.
The Vestry Greeter today is Woody Bretz, come by and say hello!

Please join us again next Sunday!



The Spirit is moving and we're improving...

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AROUND KAHLER HALL We look forward to enjoying a beautiful new entrance from the parking lot down to and around Kahler Hall! While under construction, continue to use the parking lot, but instead of entering as usual through or around Kahler Hall, **follow the sidewalk along Loma Vista Road up to the Church Gate and enter there.**

Summer Sunday School is in Room 14, **Coffee Hour** will take place in our beautiful outdoor spaces and in Room 12. Nursery will continue as usual.

There will be no access to Kahler Hall for at least three weeks, so please excuse the inconvenience!

THIS MONTH'S OUTREACH PROJECT...

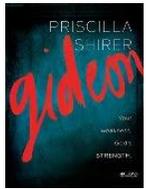
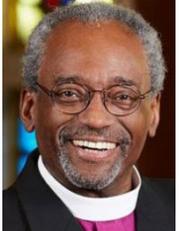


REACH! OUT TO OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – With two ways you can help!

- 1)** Make a Donation - It is time to replenish the financial soup pot! The Souper Bowl fundraising for Family to Family provided about 1,400 lunches and kept us going through June. We have used every penny and are counting on your generosity to provide lunch to our hungry neighbors. We serve an average of 250 lunches once a month on the 3rd Monday at the Family to Family facility on the Ventura Avenue. The cost averages \$600 per month (\$2.50 per plate). Our goal is to raise \$4,400 which will fund the ministry through January.
- 2)** Take a Reach Bag and Fill it with Food - In addition to your generous donations, we will also be using our Red Reach Bags to collect food for St. Paul's Lunch Program. Did you know we hand out lunches to our hungry neighbors every week through our office? Each person receives 2 sandwiches, a banana, and a hard-boiled egg as well as a canned item, a granola bar, crackers and a sweet. Let's stock the pantry shelves!

*Monetary donations for any of these items are gratefully accepted.
Checks, Cash, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256.*

Thank you!

	<p>LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, August 15th</p> <p>All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Mimi's Cafe. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office to let us know you're coming.</p>
	<p>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Friday Mornings beginning 8/23</p> <p>We will begin a new study on August 23rd. This seven session study will be on Gideon using the book <i>Gideon</i> by Priscilla Shirer. We meet at 9:30am in St. Paul's Library (right off the parking lot) and would love to have you join us.</p>
	<p>OUR CHURCH BELLS WILL RING – Sunday, August 25th at 3pm</p> <p>Why? In commemoration of 400 years of African American history and culture. Our presiding Bishop, Michael Curry has invited us to participate in a Healing Day and National Bell Ringing. Join us at St. Paul's at 3pm as we remember, seek healing and recommit ourselves to the work of abolishing the scourge of modern-day slavery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation. Thank you for your support!</p>
	<p>SUMMER PROGRAM BIG FINALE – August 25th: We're counting down to our big celebration! Join us after the 10:15 service on Sunday, 8/25 when all our children will proudly present for you their favorite song, their beautiful scrapbooks and the amazing quilt they created as a part of this summer's program <i>A Family Celebration</i>. Bring your friends and neighbors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We'll have Root Beer Floats for everyone!</p> <p>Until then, join us each week at 10am for Bible story and music (with ASL) in the sanctuary followed by fun and interesting activities in Room 14.</p>
<p>Blessing of the</p>  <p>Backpacks</p>	<p>BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND NEW BEGINNINGS – Sunday, August 25th</p> <p>Students, teachers, administrators and anyone who is starting a new chapter of life is invited to bring a symbol of this new beginning (backpacks, book bags, calendars, brief cases and other items) to lay before the altar for a blessing. All are invited.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The blessing will be offered at both services. Bring your friends and join us as we lift our prayers and give thanks for new beginnings and opportunities to learn and grow.</p>
 <p>Senior Social</p>	<p>SENIOR SOCIAL – Tuesday, August 27th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our next Senior Social will be at the Townhouse in the home of Esther McClain Join us Tuesday, August 27 at 9:30am. All are welcome!</p> <p>Please RSVP to the Church Office by Thursday, 8/22 so we'll know how many to expect.</p>

	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, September 9: We have two selections this month! <i>The Woman Who Smashed Codes</i> by Jason Fagone is a true story of love, spies and the unlikely heroine who outwitted America’s enemies. <i>When a Toy Dog Became a Wolf and the Moon Broke Curfew</i> by Hendrika de Vries details how Hendrika survives harrowing experiences in Nazi occupied Amsterdam and discovers the woman she wants to become. Hendrika will be meeting with us at this meeting, so please RSVP to Paula or the church office so we know how many to expect. The book is not available until August 27. You can pre-order on Amazon. The location of the meeting will depend upon the number attending, so watch for an update. Sponsored by the Daughters of the King and open to all women of the parish.</p>
	<p>FOLLOW UP PRESENTATION FROM NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP – Sunday 9/15: Dr. Steve Jones will give a presentation on the recent Medical Mission trip to Nigeria. Come hear how your support helped our neighbors in this far off land. Join us in Kahler Hall after each service.</p>
	<p>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>
	<p>ST. PAUL’S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE: Why? Because all are welcome here. In each week’s ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul’s Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the “Learning Sign Language” playlist. If you enjoy it, share it. Help us spread the word that St. Paul’s has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thank you!</p>
	<p>SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, August 25 – Blessing of the Backpacks Friday, September 6 – Episcopal Dodger Night Sunday, September 8 – Homecoming Sunday</p>

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Love social media? Join our Digital Disciple team!

See Drew or Rose after church,
 or contact the Church Office to be put in touch with a team member.