



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

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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.

Our Sunday School program for children and youth begins at 10am in the sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day and a preview of the activity. We will move their classrooms at 10:15 for creative programming and activities including circle time, prayer and storytelling. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Youth will be in Room 8. All children and youth will return to the sanctuary at The Peace to join their families for Eucharist.

Again, welcome and 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

Präludium

Johann Christian Kittel

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

Processional

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal 594

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 for ever. Amen.**

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

Hymn of Praise

O praise God in the highest

Felix Eisenhauer

Please see the next page.

O praise God in the high - est, O praise God near and far! O
 praise God in the high - est, O praise God near and far! God's
 love and mer - cy and God's peace are gi - ven free-ly to all, so
 praise God in the high - est, all praise God near and far!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Amos 8:4-7

A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

All are invited to stand as you are able and join us in singing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Reverend Liz Williams

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

BCP p. 358

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.

Server

God is just, God is one. But we are often fragmented and consumed by many wants. Let us gather our needs now and offer them confidently and simply to God, our Father, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

Leader

That the church and its leaders may be ingenious and tireless in preaching the good news, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the world powers, that they may be just and honorable in their dealings with one another, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace, a reduction of arms, and an end to war and terrorism, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the jobless, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, for those affected by fires, floods, and violence we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Just God, one God, we live in this world and look for the world to come. Teach us what to ask for: give us all we need. Make us life-givers with you who build your dominion here, in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

A period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

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.

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Anthem

In Thee, O Lord

F.J. Haydn, edited by Bennett Williams

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

What does the Lord require

Hymnal 605

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S130

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand, or kneel as is your custom.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

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 the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. 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 a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

Voluntary

G.F. Händel

Thank you Lord

Felix Eisenhauer



Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of Almighty God; Father, son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Epilogue

June Nixon

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Infants may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Preschool aged children through youth are invited to join our Sunday School. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at www.lectionarypage.net

Serving This Week

Team 4 – 4th Sunday of the Month

Acolytes

Roger Crow, Duffy Anderson

Chalice

Roger Crow – Server, Larry Myers

Psalm

Larry Myers

Lay Readers

Roger Crow, Woody Bretz

Prayers of the People

Maggie Kennedy

Ushers

Joseph Wareham, Dean Nahabedian,

Woody Bretz, Dan Wakelee

Eucharistic Prayer Ministry

Joanne Wakelee

Altar Guild

Rose Hayden-Smith, Anna Darby, Vicki Paul

Flower Guild

Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz

Counters

David Hill

Welcome Ministry

Joanne Wakelee

Vestry Greeter

Sarah Lamola

Facility Lock Up

Greg McCombs

Cantor

Natalie Epelone

Hospitality

Larry & Shirley Myers, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower



Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 9/22	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Readers Training & Review
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service with Blessing of the Backpacks
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Room 12)
	11:45 am	Newcomer Coffee with Our Clergy (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 9/23	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 9/24	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Court of Honor (Sanctuary/Kahler Hall)
Weds. 9/25	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 9/26	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 9/27	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 9/28	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 9/29	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Usher's Training & Review
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Compline (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)



Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 22, 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, Brian, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, John, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Diane, 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 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, and VCSAGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2019 vestry members and officers are Ted Andrews, Kay Armstrong, Woody Bretz (Junior Warden), Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby (Treasurer), Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Rose Hayden-Smith (Senior Warden), Sarah Lamola, Kathy Loest (Clerk), Ruth McCool, Ian McEwan, Dan Wakelee
- + 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: 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 Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIUM

Dick Holt

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 September 22, 2019

*Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.
Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!
We invite you to join us again next Sunday!*



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning:

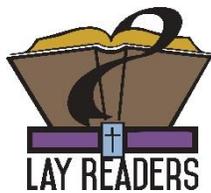
8:00 am- Jo Ellen Heil

10:15 am- Larry & Shirley Myers, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Vicki Paul

*10:15-Ralph & Kay Armstrong, David & RoseAnn Hill, Janalee Young
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

The Vestry Greeter today is Sarah Lamola, come by and say hello



Are you a Lay Reader OR do you want to learn about becoming a Lay Reader?

LAY READER TRAINING & REVIEW

Lay Readers (or Lectors) are trained in reading Scripture during public services of worship. They may also read the Prayers of the People as Intercessors for the community gathered. Whether you are experienced in this ministry, or would like to be trained to join our team, you're invited to meet us in the Sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, 9/22. We look forward to seeing you there!



Newcomer Coffee with our Clergy

4TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
(meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

September 22nd at 11:45am

Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church

Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith
All are welcome!



Are you an Usher or would you like to learn about becoming one?

USHERS TRAINING & REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 29 AT 9:30AM

Bring your friends and your questions. Join us as we review the role of our ushers and introduce our newest ushers to this important ministry. We are so grateful for all your wonderful work. Come meet with us and share your wisdom. We look forward to seeing you there!



Supporting the Mission and Ministry of St. Paul's as we move into the future.

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN – SHINING OUR LIGHT

Now that we've celebrated our 130th Anniversary, it's time for us to turn our attention to the future. Come learn about our plans for the coming year and beyond. We want to be good stewards of all the wonderful blessings we've been given. Help us as we continue the journey by calling others to join us and doing what we can to help future generations of St. Paul's keep the faith for another 130 years or more!

	<p>FALL TRAINING & REVIEW SESSIONS – Please join us! If you serve in any of these ministries, or would like to learn more, join us in the Sanctuary on the following Sundays: Ushers – 9/29 at 9:30am Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice) - 10/13 at 9:30 We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p>THANK YOU to Everyone who helped feed our hungry neighbors on The Avenue last week! We served over 250 plates. The next opportunity to serve is Monday. October 21.</p>
	<p>COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, September 29 at 7 pm St. Paul's Choir invites you to join us for our first contemplative Compline service of the season. Come calm your soul at the end of the day during our brief, candle-lit, choral prayer service. The church will remain open after the service for those who wish to continue their prayers, light a votive candle, or walk the labyrinth by candlelight. Donations will support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Please help us spread the word, all are welcome!</p>
	<p><i>Come learn ASL with us!</i> FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 Join us for this wonderful three-week series 11:45am – 12:45pm in the Community Room at St. Paul's. This is a great class for first-time learners and if you already know some signs, we'll teach you more. In our October series, we'll focus on: Manual Alphabet (fingerspelling), Introductions, Family Signs, and Colors. Invite your friends, all are welcome, and the classes are free.</p>
	<p><i>Come get your hands dirty and help in our Congregational Garden</i> MORNING OF PLANTING AND SEEDING – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 8:30-NOON <i>We hope you've had a chance to stop over this summer to enjoy the sunflowers and veggies. Many flowers have made an appearance in our Sanctuary arrangements! A reminder that everything that we grow there is communal, and we'd love it if you take anything that is ripe for use at home or share bouquets with friends and loved ones! Please let us know if you can come and help on 10/19. We'd love to have you join us.</i></p>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 6

Services will be in Kahler Hall at 8am & 10:15am



Bring your furry, feathered and scaly friends
 (or a picture of them)
 and join us for wonderful services with the
 Blessing of the Animals Service on Oct. 7th.
 We bless stuffed animals, too!

**Join us
 as we celebrate
 the life of St. Francis.**

Are any of your animals shy, hard to transport or unlikely to feel comfortable or get along well with so many others? No problem! We are preparing "Blessings to Go" kits with holy water and instructions so you can bless them at home. These kits will be available at our Blessing of the Animals services Sunday 10/6 at 8am & 10:15am. We look forward to seeing you there!