



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

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November 17, 2019 10:15 a.m.

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 will begin at 10:00am in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day and a preview of the activity. Children move to their classrooms at 10:10 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. We're glad you're here.

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude

Trust in God's Unchanging Love

Gerald Peterson, Ben Logan

To Greet the Morning

David Paxton

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

Processional Hymn

Awake, my soul

Hymnal 11

Opening Salutation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and 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

Gloria

Judith M. Baity

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Chorus

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, glo-ry to God!
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, glo-ry to God!
And peace to His peo-ple on earth,
peace to His peo-ple on earth.
Glo - ry,
Glo - ry!
Glo - ry!
Glo-ry to God!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Malachi 4:1-2a

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Gradual Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

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

Hymnal 632

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

Please be seated.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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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.

¹ universal; all embracing

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor

For our community, and for solace and security for all its people, let us pray to the Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

For this assembly, and for our growth in grace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, and for prisoners, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm especially (*the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, especially (*the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant

Into your mercy we commend ourselves, and for peace at the last we pray, that all your creation may give you praise and worship, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 *Feed My Lambs*

Natalie Sleeth

Presentation Hymn **New songs of celebration render**

Hymnal 413

Please stand as you are able.

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 S129

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.**

Please stand, sit 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*My Heart Ever Faithful*

J. S. Bach

Thuma Mina

1. Thu - ma mi-na, Thu - ma mi-na, Thu - ma mi-na So - man - dla.
2. Send me, Je-sus, send me, Je-sus, send me, Je-sus, send me, Lord.
3. Lead me, Je-sus, lead me, Je-sus, lead me, Je-sus, lead me, Lord.
4. Fill me, Je-sus, fill me, Je-sus, fill me, Je-sus, fill me, Lord.

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

May the Lord direct our hearts, this day and for ever, in the love of God and in the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord bless you and preserve you from all evil and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn**Thou, whose almighty word****Hymnal 371***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*Toccata Brillante**Todd Kendall***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**

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Blessing adapted from the old Sarum Rite from Salisbury Cathedral, which was developed starting in the 11th century.

Female Composers Initiative

St. Paul's Music Ministry is addressing continuing gender inequality by featuring female composers as part of its regular repertoire. This week, our initiative includes *Gloria* by Judith M. Baity and *Feed My Lambs* by Natalie Sleeth.

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.
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Serving This Week 10:15

Team Three – 3rd Sunday of the Month

Acolytes	Ti Nahabedian, Judy Wareham, Allen Bryant
Chalice	RoseAnn Hill – Server, Woody Bretz
Psalm	Woody Bretz
Lay Readers	Ted Andrews, Judy Wareham
Prayers of the People	Lori Redding
Ushers	Steve Jones, Julie Braithwaite, David Hill
Eucharistic Prayer Ministry	Joanne Wakelee
Pastoral Care Team	Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens
Altar Guild	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Peter Anderson, Duffy Anderson
Flower Guild	Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Rev. Susan & Teddy Bek, Carmela Carreno
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Welcome Ministry	Marcia Semple
Vestry Greeter	Drew Darby
Facility Lock Up	Miles Sexton
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Hospitality	Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower



Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
11/17	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation(Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Flower Guild Meeting (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	DOK Thanksgiving Potluck Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon.	9:30 am	Family Promise (303 N. Ventura Avenue)
11/18	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues.	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
11/19	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179
Weds.	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
11/20	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs.	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
11/21	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Café)
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Church of the Foothills)
Fri.	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
11/22	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat.	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
11/23		
Sun.	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
11/24	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:45 am	Newcomer Coffee With Our Clergy (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)



Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 17, 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:

Onofre, Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Carol, Diane, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + 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 Ventura County: *St. Columba's, Camarillo; Trinity, Fillmore; St. Andrew's, Ojai; All Saints', Oxnard; St. Paul's/Emmanuel, Santa Paula; St. Francis', Simi Valley; St. Patrick's, Thousand Oaks*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIAM

Anne Rittenour, Ray Cubberly

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 November 17, 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-Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Dela Parker & Bill Brewer

10:15-Ralph & Kay Armstrong, RoseAnn & David Hill,

Bert & Ernie Fickerson

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

**The Vestry Greeter today is Drew Darby
come by and say hello**



Every purchase matters!

FAIR TRADE SALES – Sunday, Nov. 17 after both services

Come buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. Thank you for helping abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery!

A Special Invitation for You...

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING – THANKSGIVING POTLUCK 11/17 Noon-1pm

Daughters of the King Bishop Gooden Memorial Chapter Members and guests are invited. Bring a soup/salad/bread/dessert and 20 copies of a favorite Thanksgiving prayer. Please RSVP by contacting the church office. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there!



FLOWER GUILD MEETING – Nov. 17 at 11:45am in the Sanctuary

All members of the Flower Guild, and anyone interested in joining, are invited to gather for a brief meeting to make plans for Advent and Christmas. Please join us following the 10:15am service for this important meeting. And, thank you so much for the beautiful and inspiring flowers you arrange for us every Sunday!



Want to help feed the hungry?

IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, November 18th

Come help us serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.



Formerly the Ladies Lunch Bunch, now open to all

LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, November 21st at 11am at Mimi's Cafe

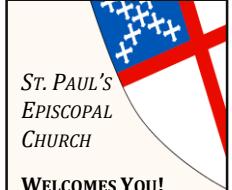
All members of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Lunch Bunch at Mimi's. We gather at 11am and order by 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Ruth, Pam or the Office so we'll know to expect you. We look forward to seeing you there!



Here's another way you might help make a difference...

SACK LUNCHES AT ST. PAUL'S - Do you have a heart for the homeless? On Tuesdays and

Thursdays we offer sack lunches to those in need in our community. We do it right here at church. We need a few more people to join our team and hand out lunches. Choose Tuesday or Thursday (or both) 10am-1pm. If you would like to volunteer, even once or twice a month, email the office at office@saintpaulsventura.org

	<p><i>Looking for a way to REACH out and help make a difference in the name of Christ?</i></p> <p>THIS MONTH, WE'RE SUPPORTING THE UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)</p> <p>UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. 100% of what is collected is used to support God's mission in the world.</p>
	<p><i>Want to help needy families feel the love of Christ this Christmas?</i></p> <p>COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE TOY COLLECTION – through December 8</p> <p>We are collecting new, unwrapped toys to help make Christmas a little brighter for some families who are finding things challenging. Take an ornament off the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. Shop for the child you chose, and bring your unwrapped gift(s). You can make a difference! Thanks for helping us share the love of Christ this season. The Christmas Shoppe will be held on December 14th.</p>
	<p><i>Looking for a wonderful Advent Study?</i></p> <p>WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OFFERS ADVENT STUDY - 11/20 – 12/18, 10:30am</p> <p>Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: What were these expectations? And Did Jesus fulfill them? You're invited to join us as we work through this study and make our way toward a more meaningful Christmas. All are welcome.</p> <p><i>Please note: No study on 11/27.</i></p>
	<p><i>Joining together with our brothers and sisters of many faiths...</i></p> <p>ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Thursday, 11/21 at 7pm</p> <p>This year we will gather at Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road, Ventura. Come enjoy this wonderful service in which many faiths share their traditions of giving thanks. We'll share stories, music, liturgy, hopes and gratitude for the common cause that binds us to all peoples, all faiths. A collection will be taken to benefit our local community. And...please join us at 6pm if you'd like to be a part of our "pop-up" choir, preparing a song to present this evening!</p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i></p> <p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, December 2, 5:30-7pm at Panera</p> <p>All are welcome! This month's selection is <i>The Library Book</i> by Susan Orlean. This was also the One County, One Book selection for Ventura County this year. Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, <i>The Library Book</i> is Susan Orlean's thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential of the heart, mind, and soul of our country.</p>
	<p><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!</i></p> <p>NEWCOMER COFFEE WITH OUR CLERGY – Sunday, 11/24 at 11:45am</p> <p>Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: <i>Working Together to Make a Difference in the World</i>. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. <i>All are welcome!</i> Our next Coffee with our Clergy will be on Sunday, 12/22 at 11:45am. We look forward to seeing you there!</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></p> <p>Thank you for your generosity!</p> <p>Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at 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.</p> <p>Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.</p>

