

Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)
The Ascension of Our LORD (Observed)

Sunday, June 1, 2025 – 9:30 am

Divine Service

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Mission

To foster the freedom and love we share in Christ to the community by nurturing faith in Him through tangible expressions of God's grace.

Vision

To share the Truth and Love of Christ to all ages, cultures, and backgrounds.

Service Offerings

- Sunday Divine Service at 9:30 am
 - Fellowship in Café 10:30 am. Adult Bible Study 11:00 am
- Wednesday Bible Studies at 10 am and 7:15 pm in our church offices.
 - You may come in person or join us via TEAMS fully interactive.

Welcome to Saint Paul's

We praise and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ as He comes to serve and bless us through His Word and Sacraments. We follow the ancient liturgy which draws from the Word of God to order and guide our worship. Its biblical structure has been used in the Christian Church before any denominations within Christianity existed. Our worship emphasizes order, beauty, and reverence. We also celebrate the Holy Eucharist and receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We are excited about what the Lord is doing at Saint Paul's, and it is our great joy to serve you!

This is the Saving Gospel/The Good News:

God sent His Son Jesus Christ to take your sin upon Himself and Jesus gave to you His perfect righteousness and holiness. In Christ, it is a fact, and it is reality that your sins are forgiven, covered by His blood. And because Christ defeated death, you too – as you trust in Him alone – have eternal life. This is the Good News. It is so powerful because the Holy Spirit works through it to create and sustain faith in our hearts to hold to our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel costs Jesus everything but costs us nothing. It is yours. It is God's GIFT to you. Hold to it and know that you ARE (present tense) saved from sin, death, and the power of the devil; that you are saved TO (present tense) the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation! That's the Christian, a forgiven sinner who lives for God and loves their neighbor. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The Lord's Supper

The Holy Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, **any who are not yet instructed**, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, **are asked first to speak to one of the pastors.**

Prayer Before Divine Service

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

+ In the Name of Jesus +

Prelude:

Crown Him with Many Crowns

-- Sandra K Tucker

Greeting

P God reigns over the nations;

C **God sits on his holy throne.**

- Psalm 47:8

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

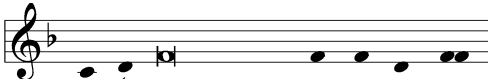
Entrance Hymn:

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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Kyrie

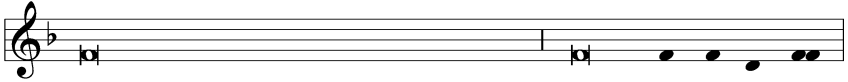
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



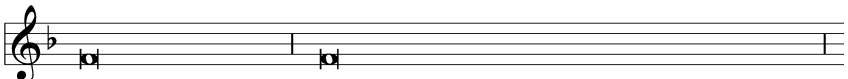
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



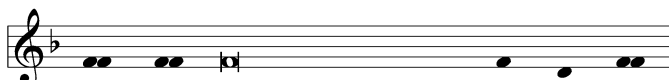
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



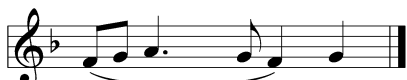
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

Sermon

Ascended for You

Acts 1:1-11

Stand

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In praise of our King who ascended in triumph and sits at God's right hand, that we would ever rejoice and live in the truth of His victory for us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of the Holy Spirit and the mission of the Church, that what Christ has accomplished in His life, death, resurrection and ascension may be proclaimed to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For eyes of faith fixed on Jesus, that we may have no fear of them but abide in Christ's peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Donald and Gavin and all our leaders, that since the Son will shatter kings when He executes judgment on the nations, He would keep them from acting in ways that will earn them His wrath; and that God would give them wisdom to govern in accord with His righteous ways, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in any affliction or need, [*including _____*], that God would give them healing according to His will, sustain them in the faith and, for Christ's sake, raise them up in glory on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who gather at table with Christ today, that believing the witness of those who saw Him risen from the dead, they would be freed from all hardness of heart and unbelief to eat His body and drink His blood in a worthy manner, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for the saints of every generation whose fidelity has commended the faith to us, that we may also be made faithful in preserving the hope to which we have been called unto the final day, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering: My Shepherd, You Supply My Needs -- Robert H Hobby

Stand

Offertory

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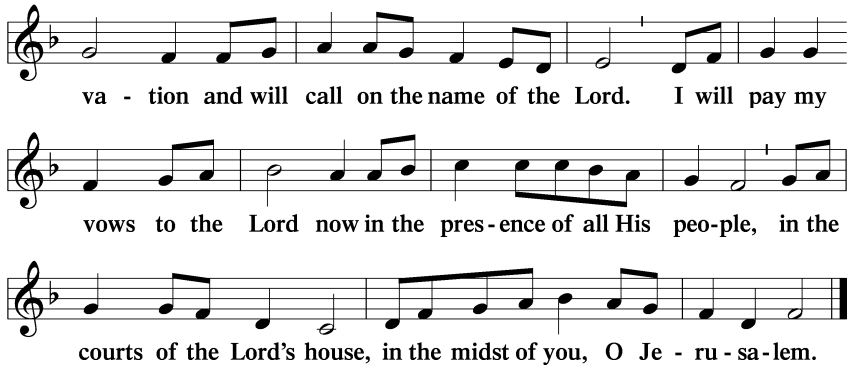
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

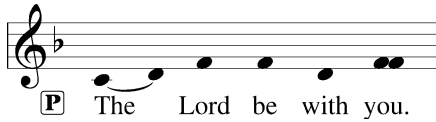


va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

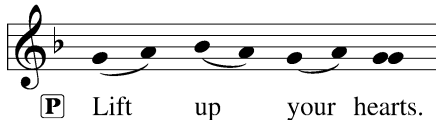
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P The Lord be with you.



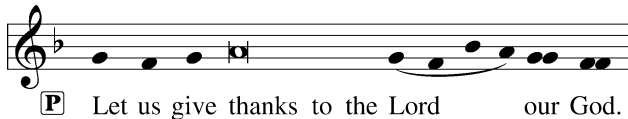
C And al - so with you.



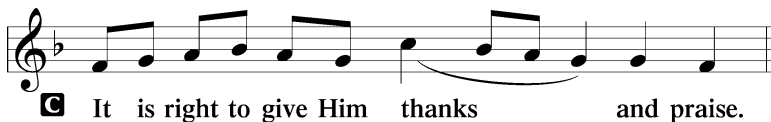
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

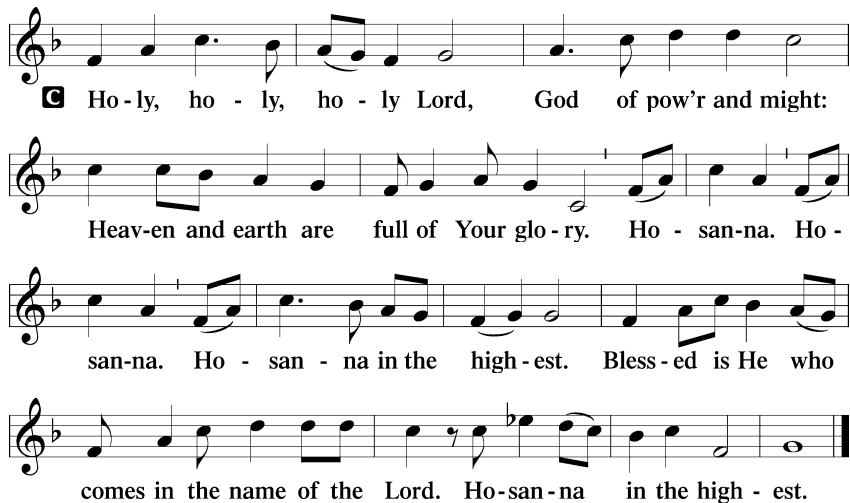


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

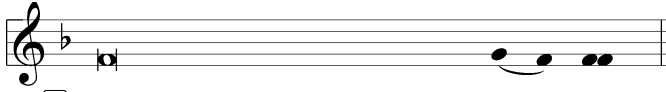
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A A - men.

Agnus Dei

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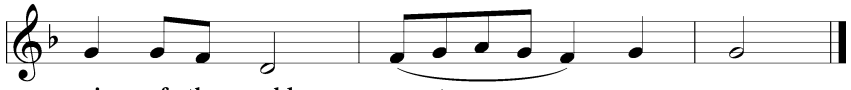
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

512 At the Name of Jesus

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

Stand

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - men.

Postlude:

Toccata on "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
-- Michael Burkhardt

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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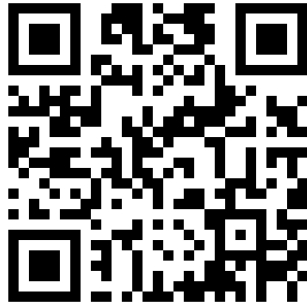
Today:

LAST CHANCE! LCEF Survey Due Today!

SPLC is contemplating the start of a classical school. To drive this study, SPLC has hired LCEF Real Estate Solutions to conduct a feasibility study. Though this initial study is an overall exploration of expansion, we are collecting important data from SPLC and its immediate community to best-inform the study. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. Please complete this survey by ***TODAY, Sunday, June 1st***. **You can complete this survey by filling out a paper copy by the welcome table or you can complete it online.**

If you would like to complete this survey online:

survey.zohopublic.com/zs/M4DAvM or scan the QR code provided:



“Journey Through the Parables”

Our *Journey Through the Parables* study group will meet today to study Parable #23. Please join us after the service and a brief fellowship (around 11 a.m.) for Bible study and an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Scriptures.

This week:

Wednesday Bible Studies are Back!!

We're excited to announce that our **Wednesday Bible Studies** have returned and will be continuing with **Hebrews Chapter 13**. Join us as we explore the powerful testimonies of faith that continue to inspire and encourage believers today.

Study times: 10:00 AM & 7:15 PM (In Person & on Microsoft Teams)

All are welcome! Whether you prefer to meet in person or join virtually, we'd love to have you there. For more information or to access the virtual study, please contact **Pastor Espinosa** at **revdrespinosa@saintpaulsirvine.com**

Let's grow together in faith — we hope to see you there!

General Announcements

Reception of New Member Through Transfer

Welcome, Constance "Connie" Ziehr, to the Saint Paul's family! Connie is the mother to Ellen Lange, one of our newest members and has been a longtime member of the LCMS and now joins our congregation as a homebound member. Pastor Espinosa will be visiting her in her home and bring her Holy Communion. We are blessed to serve Connie and our many other homebound members in this way. Welcome, Connie!

WE WANT YOU!

We're looking for a few good men to sing in a men's chorus.

We'd like to sing in a Sunday service this summer when the most men are available.

Every man of the congregation is invited! No choir singing experience is required. If you sing hymns in church, sing in the shower, sing along with the radio in the car, we invite you to sing with us.

Please let me know if you are interested and what your schedule is like for this summer. There will be rehearsals before we sing.

Blessings,

Mark Howard, Choir Director (markahoward@sbcglobal.net)



Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Offerings Report Month and Year-to-Date April 2025

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD	Budgeted
General Offerings	\$22,963	\$22,300	\$78,812	\$94,800
Other Offerings	\$222	\$137	\$431	\$549
Total Reg Offerings	\$23,185	\$22,437	\$79,243	\$95,349
<u>Other Offerings(not budgeted)</u>				
Building Fund	\$584		\$684	
Classical Study	\$-		\$8,650	

The Bulletin Board

Life Quote: June 1

“Watch and prepare for Jesus to return. Set your hearts on Him and on your life in Him. He is the beginning and end, the purpose and goal of your life. So there’s no need for tears as you see Him ascend. He is with you always. He will come back for His people soon. Then we will appear with Him in glory.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran*

Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Weekly Stewardship Message: Ascension Day

Acts 1:11 – “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we prioritize our lives.

Chosen Bible Study

Group #1 will be meeting at the Kuntz family's home on **Saturday, June 28th** at 6pm. St. Paul's now has two *The Chosen* Bible Study groups that meet once per month. If you are interested in the next meeting, please speak to Pastor.

Mercy Team Needs Your Help!

A Concordia/OLu family is looking to rent a home starting Aug 1 as they have been informed that their rental property is being sold from under them. They are seeking a home that would have a minimum of 3 bed/2 bath and would be willing to have tenants with dogs.

If you are aware of anyone that can assist them in looking or has a place for rent, please feel free to email Bret Taylor at bret.taylor@cui.edu or speak to Pastor Espinosa.

Calling All Thrivent Members!

Please consider making a difference as a Thrivent member by leading a fundraiser, education event, or service event. **If one of these events is approved by Thrivent, they will grant \$250 in seed money.** This is especially helpful for church events like VBS, quilting team, etc.

Learn more by visiting

<https://www.thrivent.com/aboutus/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

If you are a Thrivent member and would like more information or have an idea you'd like to share, please email office@saintpaulsirvine.com **Thank you!**

Circle of Friends

The most effective way for a church to grow in the Kingdom of God is to be faithful in the Word and Sacrament of Christ and to truly love people. One way to do that is to allow us to pray for those you know who need Christ and/or a

church home. Please submit the names of family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others to us through our ministry called Circle of Friends.

Thank you! Pastor Espinosa.

For those we care about to come to saving faith and have a church home. Have a friend who needs prayer or would like a meeting with pastor? Use this QR code to let us know!



Upcoming Event Dates:

- **Saint Paul's Family Day Camp:** July 21st –25th

Saint Paul's Family Day Camp will be held this summer at Irvine Park. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to Jackie or Miles Johnson.

- **Higher Things Conference:** July 29th –August 1st

The mission of Higher Things is to make the gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. St. Paul's will be taking a group of young adults to the conference at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. For more information, please talk to Pastor Espinosa.

- **Women's Retreat:** August 9th

Saint Paul's first women's retreat will be held as a daytime event in Dana Point. The topic Pastor Espinosa will be preaching on is, "The Power of Confession" Confession of Sin, Faith, and Praise. Please talk to Pastor Espinosa or Laura Miller if you would like to attend or get more information.

- **Men's Retreat:** September 26th- 28th

Saint Paul's men's retreat will be held at the same "Campus by the Sea" on Catalina Island that it was last year. The topic Pastor Espinosa will be preaching on is, "The Power of Confession" Confession of Sin, Faith, and Praise. Please talk to Pastor Espinosa if you would like to attend or get more information.

Worship Attendance for Members & Guests

Scan the QR code or use the iPads at the Welcome Table to sign in. **Guests**, please sign the guestbook at the entrance.

Offerings: Collected during the worship service. All contributions are voluntary.



Requesting Announcements

To request an announcement for the congregation or community, submit your request via the QR code or this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Hsgrm6zAup>.

Choose where you want it published: bulletin, email, website, livestream, etc.

Daily Bible Devotionals – 2025

Join Pastor Espinosa in reading through the Holy Bible in 2025!

Follow along daily on:

- ✦ **Facebook:** @AlfonsoEspinosa
- ✦ **TikTok:** @alfonsoespinosa356
- ✦ **Instagram:** @alfonsoespinosa88

Let's rejoice as God strengthens our faith through His Word!

Want devotionals sent to your inbox? Please email office@saintpaulsirvine.com to be added to the list.

Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers for **Ushers, Altar Guild, Welcome Table, Transportation Services, and Visiting Shut-Ins**. If interested, please contact **Mark Kuntz**. We also need help with **Livestream, Family Sunday School, Quilting & Fellowship Team**. Please reach out to office@saintpaulsirvine.com if you can assist.

Thank you for serving our congregation!

Words of Evangelism: Ch. 7 – Kindness, Gentleness, and Respect

Welcome from your Evangelism Committee. When we share our faith with others, we need to be patient, kind, and gentle with them. This is really nothing other than practicing the Golden Rule or the second table of the Commandments which we should be doing at all times anyway.

Many of you may remember the Golden Rule taught in school during your youth. Treat others how you want to be treated. If you remember this from the public school system, then you may not know that the Golden Rule originates from God's Word. Concerning the Golden Rule, Christ said this, "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." Christ described the Golden Rule as "the Law and the Prophets." (Mt 7:12) It is a summary of the second table of the Ten Commandments, commandments four through ten.

Elsewhere in Scripture, Jesus was asked what the most important Commandments are. Jesus replied that the first great Commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. (Mk 12:30) He went on to describe a second great Commandment. Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mk 12:31) Lest we think that somehow the Golden Rule or the second great Commandment does not apply to non-believers or non-Christians, we are told "to have mercy on those who doubt." (Jude 22) At all times in our daily lives when interacting with other people, we would do well to remember the second great Commandment.

In our weakness, we know that sometimes we fail to live by this great Commandment. Without knowing it, we lose patience and in a moment of anger, harsh words come out of our lips. If we associate with someone long enough, we will eventually slip up. But, if we slip up too often, we know this will not spell good for our relationship with that person. John Gottmann, an American psychologist, proposes a magic ratio regarding these interactions. He says that we must have five good interactions for every negative interaction if we want to build and sustain healthy relationships with others.

In order to be successful at sharing the Gospel, we will have to build relationships with others. If we do not build and sustain those relationships, we may never get the opportunity to share the Gospel. People will be unlikely to want to associate with us altogether if we are rude, impatient, and condescending. Peter tells us about sharing the Word, "Honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." (1 Pt 3:15) Remembering the Golden Rule can help us tell the Gospel to others with gentleness and respect.

Lord God, we confess that we are imperfect and that we sometimes act poorly towards others. In our weakness, Lord, we

become defensive, angry, and full of contempt. Forgive us, o Lord, when we act this way. Be with us, o God, and widen our hearts so that we may treat others with patience, kindness, gentleness, and respect. O Lord, help us, especially remain vigilant at acting out your second great Commandment when sharing your Gospel with others. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Please Pray for our Missionaries, Council Members & Elders

Missionaries Supported by St. Paul's

(Financial gifts given annually to the national synod)

Missionary	Location
Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad <i>Please send mail through the LCMS directly.</i>	Dominican Republic
Erin Mackenzie Email: erin.mackenzie@lcms.org	Latin America & Caribbean
Britt Odemba Email: britt.odemba@lcms.org	Kenya
Rev. Dr. Tom Park Email: tom.park@lcms.org	Taiwan

Missionary Friends

(Non-Financial Support)

Missionary	Role	Location
Tirzah Krey Email: tirzah.krey@lcms.org	Regional Human Care Coordinator	Latin America & Caribbean

If you are interested in mailing a letter or giving a donation directly to our missionaries, please send mail directly to the LCMS with the specific Missionaries name in the attention line:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

ATTN: (enter missionaries name here)

P.O. Box 66861

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Local Evangelism Support: Rev. Mark Jasa – St. Paul's supports our local evangelist.

St. Paul's Parish Council Members

Debbie Dannemeyer – President ~ **Matt Bures** – Recording Secretary ~ **Ken**

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Laura Miller – Financial Secretary ~ **Jon Rutherford** – Trustee Director ~ **Ali Frank** – Stewardship Director

Mark Kuntz – Presiding Elder ~ **Renee Mott** – Fellowship Director ~ **Bradley Hustad** – Evangelism Director

Jacob Thornblad – Education Director ~ **Miles & Jackie Johnson** – Youth Directors

St. Paul's Elders

Mark Kuntz (Presiding Elder) ~ **Bruce Dannemeyer** ~ **Bryan Kilduff** ~ **John Church** ~ **Jon Steele** ~ **Karl Blanke**

Michael Padilla ~ **Steve Fischer** ~ **Ricky Cuenca** ~ **Alex Padilla**

SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Team</u>	<u>Ushers/Gr eater</u>	<u>Elders on Duty</u>	<u>Entrance Area</u>	<u>Livestream</u>
<i>Service Team Chairs</i>	<i>Mei Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Kiu Geisler</i>	<i>Jon Steele</i>
1st Sunday 6/1/2025	Nina Mueller Myra Taylor	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Alex Padilla, Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.
2nd Sunday 6/8/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Padilla, Mark Kuntz	Myra Taylor	Jim J.
3rd Sunday 6/15/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank and Ed Miller	Bryan Kilduff	Myra Taylor	Jon Steele
4th Sunday 6/22/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Paul and Samuel Hines	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
5th Sunday 6/29/2025	Mei Kuntz	Mark Kuntz Miles Johnson	Mike Padilla, Mark Kuntz	Anne Wright	Jon Steele

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

1 st Sunday 6/1/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard
2 nd Sunday 6/08/2025	Espinosa's, Ann Marie Hines
3 rd Sunday 6/15/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4 th Sunday 6/22/2025	Gary & Daisy Minter, Liana Padilla
5 th Sunday 06/29/2025	Liana Padilla, Johnson's

If you are a volunteer and believe this schedule does not accurately reflect your assigned service days or would like to update an announcement, please email Jackie at office@saintpaulsirvine.com.