

Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)
The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, June 8, 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

Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven -- Jon C Vieker

Greeting

- P** Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
- C** Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

- Psalm 143:10

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

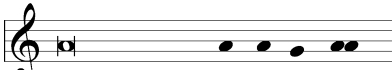
Entrance Hymn:

497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

(all stanzas)

Kyrie

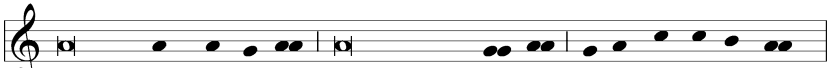
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



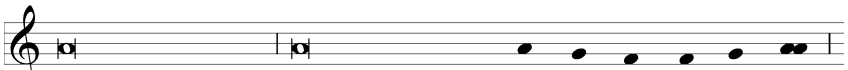
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



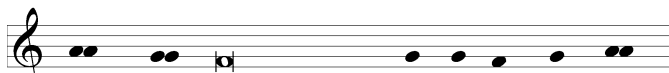
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



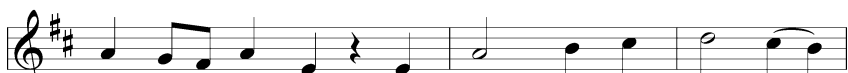
C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - mighty God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



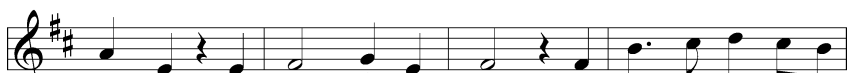
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1–9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD

C Teach me to do your will,
for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me
on | level ground!

P For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

C And in your steadfast love you will cut off my | enemies,*
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for I am your | servant.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P Teach me to do your will,
for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me
on | level ground!

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as
of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit
gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4 in Other Tongues

Chinese- Mei Kuntz

- 1 五旬節到了，門徒都聚集在一處。
- 2 忽然，從天上有響聲下來，好像一陣大風吹過，充滿了他們所坐的屋子，
- 3 又有舌頭如火燄顯現出來，分開落在他們各人頭上。
- 4 他們就都被聖靈充滿，按著聖靈所賜的口才說起別國的話來。

Spanish- Nancy McDougall

1 Cuando llegó el día de Pentecostés, estaban todos unánimes juntos.

2 Y de repente vino del cielo un estruendo como de un viento recio que soplaba, el cual llenó toda la casa donde estaban sentados;

3 y se les aparecieron lenguas repartidas, como de fuego, asentándose sobre cada uno de ellos.

4 Y fueron todos llenos del Espíritu Santo, y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu les daba que hablasen.

French- Carine Church

1 Le jour de la Pentecôte, ils étaient tous ensemble dans le même lieu.

2 Tout à coup il vint du ciel un bruit comme celui d'un vent impétueux, et il remplit toute la maison où ils étaient assis.

3 Des langues, semblables à des langues de feu, leur apparurent, séparées les unes des autres, et se posèrent sur chacun d'eux.

4 Et ils furent tous remplis du Saint Esprit, et se mirent à parler en d'autres langues, selon que l'Esprit leur donnait de s'exprimer.

German- Rev. Dan Kistler

1 Und als der Tag der Pfingsten erfüllt wurde, waren sie alle an einem Orte beisammen.

2 Und plötzlich geschah aus dem Himmel ein Brausen, wie von einem daherfahrenden, gewaltigen Winde, und erfüllte das ganze Haus, wo sie saßen.

3 Und es erschienen ihnen zerteilte Zungen wie von Feuer, und sie setzten sich auf jeden einzelnen von ihnen.

4 Und sie wurden alle mit dem Heiligen Geiste erfüllt und fingen an, in anderen Sprachen zu reden, wie der Geist ihnen gab auszusprechen.

Acts 2:5–21

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and

the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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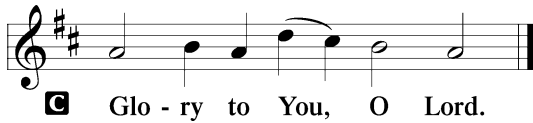
G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:23–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

501 Come Down, O Love Divine

(all stanzas)

Sermon

The Feast of Pentecost

"Come Holy Spirit"

(John 14:23-31)

Pastor Espinosa

Introduction: God's dwelling and tabernacle, temple and you.

Part I: How?

A) The advocate – v. 26

B) Another coming - v. 30

C) Legal Confrontation

How do we learn and remember ADVOCATION over ACCUSATION?

Answer: _____

Part II: Temper expectations

A) Learn from Namaan - 2 Kings 5

B) Today's examples

1. Signs and wonders
2. Esoteric or ecstatic experiences
3. Occultic magic or manifestations

Part III: The Spirit's Ministry

A) Teaching

B) Remembering

C) Peace Bequeathed

1. In the face of trouble
2. In the face of fear

Conclusion:

1. Walk with Him
2. Be Filled with Him

Stand

P *What is the Third Article of the Creed?*

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins

of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For gladness in the Holy Spirit, who through His Church fills the world with the remembrance of everything Christ Jesus has spoken, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That by the same Spirit of peace, our hearts would neither be troubled nor afraid, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Matthew, our Synod president; _____, our district president; _____, our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s), that as they proclaim God's Word, His Spirit may be at work to teach us all things and bring to remembrance all the Son has said to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all translators of the Holy Scriptures, that every nation may hear the good news of the mighty works of God in their own language, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our leaders, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates, that they would be given a relentless pursuit of just laws for the common good of all, with a heart of mercy for the weak and vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the comfort of the Holy Spirit in a dark world; and that wounds would be soothed and healed, broken families restored, the depressed uplifted, the poor aided and all cries answered, [*especially for _____*], let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that the Holy Spirit would convict us of sin, of righteousness in Christ and of the judgments of His Holy Word, sanctifying our hearts by the forgiveness of sins and making us fit partakers of Christ's holy body and precious blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For comfort for those who mourn and rest for those who labor, that our hearts may be raised up with the promise of the resurrection and the blest reunion when we will stand before the Lord without fear and enjoy the promise of His perfect peace forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

Offering

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray -- Mark Sedio

Stand

Offertory

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G 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.

+Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

1 Corinthians 11:23-29 instructs pastors since they are stewards of the mysteries (1st Corinthians 4:1) to serve only those who share in a common confession. If you are still learning about our confession and not yet confirmed, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest. Pastor would love to meet with you to prepare you to receive the Holy Sacrament.

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. 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.

G 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."

Proclamation of Christ

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

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

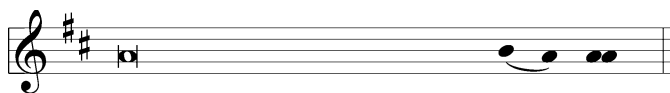
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

Lord's Prayer

**G 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.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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G 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, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

G Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

(all stanzas)

650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

(all stanzas)

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

(stanzas 1-3)

500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

(all stanzas)

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 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-
ises 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

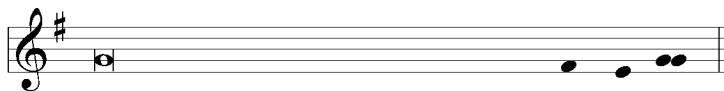
A Let us pray.

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

Festive Gloria -- Aaron David Miller

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Today:

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to all who took part in the LCEF survey about the possibility of a Lutheran classical academy, we received a total of 117. Your input is a blessing as we explore this exciting opportunity. We'll continue to keep you, our church family, updated on the progress of this feasibility study in the months ahead. Please keep this endeavor in your prayers as we seek God's guidance together.

“Journey Through the Parables” Will Meet Today

Our *Journey Through the Parables* study group will meet today to study Parable #24. 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

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

Saint Paul's Family Day Camp

July 21–25 | Irvine Regional Park | Party Pavilion D

We're excited to invite you to **Saint Paul's Family Bible Camp**, formerly known as Vacation Bible School (VBS)! This special week will take place **July 21–25 at Irvine Regional Park**, near the Irvine Park Railroad at **Party Pavilion D** (1 Irvine Park Rd, Orange, CA 92869).

Pastor Espinosa shares:

“Saint Paul's Family Bible Camp is a chance for us to come together as a family of God. We will be on a journey of faith in Jesus and His teaching on the great ‘I Am’ statements of St. John's Gospel. This is a chance for all of us to be together with the little children to sing and pray, break bread and play, take in the puppets, and praise the Lord. All ages are encouraged to come so that our children can see what it means to be a church in Christ.”

Whether you're bringing your family to participate or looking for a meaningful way to serve as a volunteer, **we would love for you to be part of it!**

To receive updates or express interest in volunteering, please contact **Jackie Johnson 714-421-8389** or email **office@stpaulsirvine.org** (or reply to this announcement if shared electronically). More details coming soon — stay tuned!

Author Spotlight

We are blessed to have Dr. Uwe Simon-Netto in our congregation. He is an accomplished and gifted scholar and author. Consider ordering one

of his books and ask for his autograph! We are blessed to have Uwe and Karin as members of our church family!

– Pastor Espinosa

Books:

- *Siemon-Netto, Uwe (1990). [The Acquittal of God: a theology for Vietnam veterans](#). New York: [Pilgrim Press](#). ISBN 0-8298-0833-7.*
- *The Fabricated Luther: the rise and fall of the Shierer myth*. St. Louis: [Concordia Publishing House](#), 1995; ISBN 0-570-04800-1.
- *Luther als Wegbereiter Hitlers? Zur Geschichte eines Vorurteils*. Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 1993; ISBN 3-579-02203-2.
- *One incarnate truth: Christianity's answer to spiritual chaos*. [Concordia Publishing House](#), 2002; ISBN 0758602774.
- *Duc: A reporter's love for the wounded people of Vietnam*. [Amazon](#), 2013; ISBN 978-1482692808 and ISBN 1482692805.
- *On the brink: the myth of German anti-Americanism*. Washington, D.C.: [Ethics and Public Policy Center](#), 1982; ISBN 0-89633-056-7.
- *Duc, der Deutsche. Mein Vietnam, Warum die Falschen siegten*. Basel: Brunnen-Verlag. 2014; ISBN 978-3-7655-2024-2.
- — (2015). *Triumph of the absurd: a reporter's love for the abandoned people of Vietnam*. ISBN 978-1-945500-00-8.
- *Griewatsch. Der Lümmel aus dem Leipziger Luftschutzkeller*. Basel: fontis, 2015; ISBN 978-3-03848-038-9.
- *Luther. Lehrmeister des Widerstandes*, Basel: fontis, 2016. ISBN 978-3-03848-092-1.
- *Luther manipulé. Contre le mythe du réformateur, "fourrier de Hitler"*. Paris: Indes Savantes, 2017; ISBN 978-2-84654-456-6
- *Urchin at War. The tale of a Leipzig rascal and his Lutheran granny under bombs in Nazi Germany*. Irvine: 2021; ISBN 978-1-94896-958-1

WE WANT YOU!

Summer Men's Chorus



Every man of the congregation is invited!

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.

Schedule:

- **Sunday, July 6:** rehearsal at **8:30am** in the cafe area.
- **Sunday, July 13:** pre-service rehearsal at **9:30am** in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, July 13:** sing for service at **10:30am**.

The sheet music and recordings are on the church website. Please take a look/listen and learn the two songs as much as you can. If you're not sure what part to sing, try them all and see what is comfortable for you. We'll figure it out at rehearsal. See you there!

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church Offerings Report Month and Year-to-Date May 2025

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD	Budgeted
General Offerings	\$ 18,999	\$ 22,300	\$ 97,811	\$ 117,100
Other Offerings	\$ 122	\$ 137	\$ 553	\$ 686
Total Reg Offerings	\$ 19,121	\$ 22,437	\$ 98,364	\$ 117,786
Other Offerings(not budgeted)				
Building Fund	\$ 342		\$ 1,026	
Classical Study	\$ -		\$ 8,650	

The Bulletin Board

Life Quote: June 8

“We are blessed because Jesus has come to us, God most high become a human baby. We are blessed because God has kept His promise to redeem us, even at the cost of His own suffering, death, and resurrection. And we are blessed because the Holy Spirit has given us

faith in His good promises.” *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotion – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Stewardship Message:

Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Notice that Pentecost was actually an Old Testament festival. It happened around the time when the wheat and oats were ready to be brought in. In the New Testament, Pentecost foreshadowed the great harvest of humankind that God will bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest through the work of His church.

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@cu.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/Hsgm6zAup>. 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
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

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 Mott** – Treasurer

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/Greeter</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>
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	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele
4th Sunday 6/22/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Paul and Samuel Hines	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
5 th Sunday 6/29/2025	Mei Kuntz	Mark Kuntz Miles Johnson	Mike Padilla, Mark Kuntz	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
1st Sunday 7/6/2025	Nina Mueller Myra Taylor	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Alex Padilla, Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

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
1st Sunday 7/6/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard

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.