

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

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 29, 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 on summer hiatus.

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 +

Greeting

- P** You make known to me the path of life;
C in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- Psalm 16:11

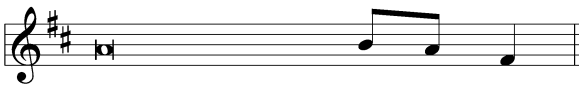
Prelude:

Prelude and Fugue in F -- JS Bach

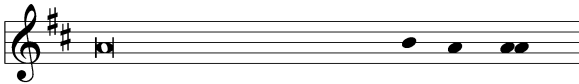
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody



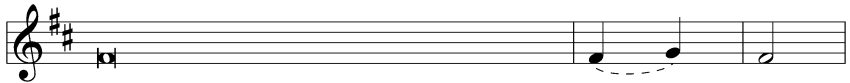
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

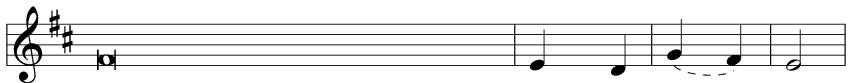
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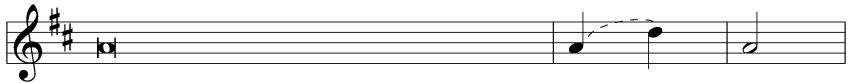
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

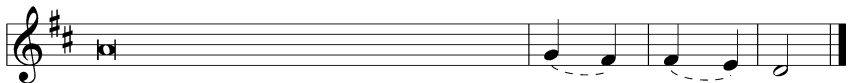


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
- 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

P You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

C **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.**

**You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.**

Sit

Hymn: 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(all stanzas)

Readings

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9b–21

L A reading from 1 Kings, chapter 19.

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazeal to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazeal shall Jehu put to death, and the

one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?”

²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

L A reading from Galatians, chapter 5.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"For Freedom"

(Galatians 5:1, 13–25)

Pastor Espinosa

Introduction: The Irony of Some Citizens of the U.S.A.

Part 1: What we learn from Elijah the Prophet

- A. 1 Kings 18: Elijah with mighty faith
- B. 1 Kings 19: Elijah filled with fear

Part 2: We know about fear

Part 3: Freedom in Galatians

- A. 5:1a: "For freedom Christ has set us free;"
- B. 5:1b: "stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery..."

Part 4: Freedom Vs. Being a Slave to Fear: 5:13-25

Part 5: How Fear Lives and How Freedom Lives

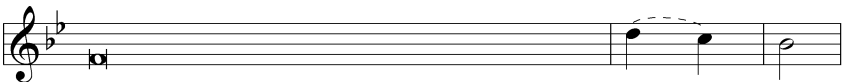
- A. Two examples of how fear lives: Luke 9:51-56
- B. How Freedom lives: Luke 9:57-62 (Christ is our Freedom)

Canticle

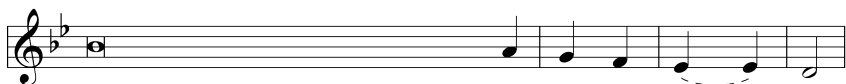
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Te Deum

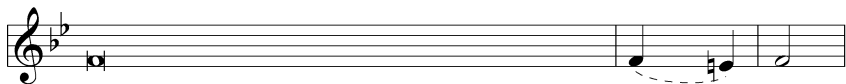
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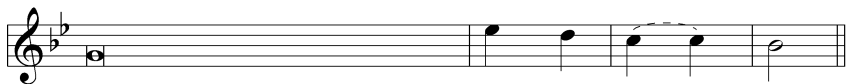
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



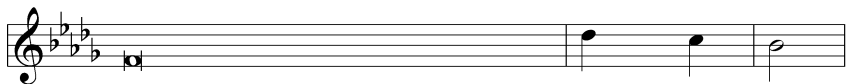
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, O ——— Christ;



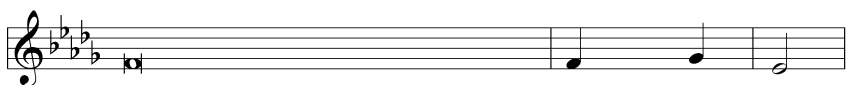
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
- 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
- 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
- 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



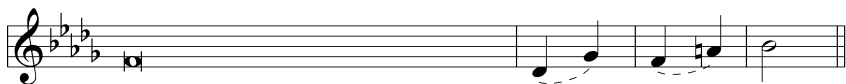
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



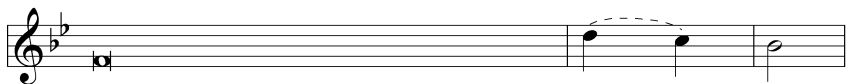
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
- 6 We believe that You will come



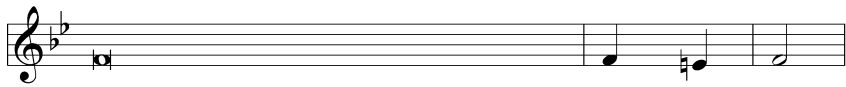
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
- 6 to be — our — judge.



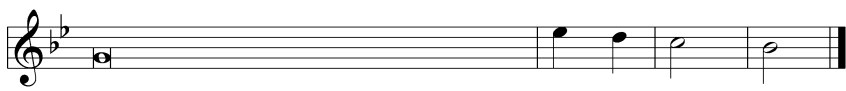
- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
- 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
- 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out ——— sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Sit

Offering: Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior -- David Maxwell

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

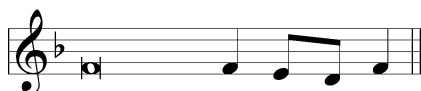
C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect for Peter and Paul

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+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.

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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

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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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

(all stanzas)

818 In Thee Is Gladness

(all stanzas)

595 O Blessed Spring

(all stanzas)

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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

G Amen.

Farewell and Godspeed

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism you became [a member/members] of the holy Christian Church, and our Lord's Word and Sacraments have nourished you in this congregation [for ___ years]. As we bid you farewell and Godspeed, hear the words of the apostle Paul:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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Today:


 **Signing Day Is Here!** 

After Service Today – Book Signing with Pastor Espinosa

We're excited to announce that **today is Signing Day** for Pastor Espinosa's brand-new book:

Contending for Christ Through the Creed: Apologetics for Loving Answers on the Christian Faith

 **Every family will receive a signed copy after service today!**

 **Donations are appreciated** – and **ALL proceeds** will go directly toward sending our high school youth to the **Higher Things Conference** in Michigan this summer!

✦ Here's the fun part:

- For **any donation**, Pastor will sign your book in classic black ink.
- For **donations of \$40 or more**, he'll sign your copy in **gold ink**—because supporting our youth deserves a little sparkle!

Let's rally around our youth and enjoy this special opportunity to grow in faith with Pastor Espinosa's powerful new resource.

See you after service!

Special Bible Study This Week!

Our Journey Through the Parables study will be on pause as we welcome a special Bible study with Pastor Espinosa, who will be discussing his new book!

Join us in the café during fellowship to grab your signed copy and then head over to Bible study at 11:00 a.m. for a meaningful conversation with Pastor covering the book.

General Announcements

Wednesday Bible Study—Summer Break Begins!

We've officially closed the chapter on our journey through **Hebrews**, and what a season it's been! Thank you to everyone who joined us each week to grow, reflect, and rejoice in God's Word together. **No Wednesday Studies for the Summer!** That's right—we're taking a summer hiatus to rest, recharge, and prepare for the next season of study. Be on the lookout for fall kickoff details—we can't wait to gather again and open the Scriptures with you!

BUT WAIT—there's more happening this summer! Check out what's ahead:

Family Day Camp | July 21–25

Join us for a week of fun, faith, and fellowship at **Irvine Park!** Whether you want to participate or volunteer, connect with **Jackie or Miles Johnson** to get involved.

Higher Things Youth Conference | July 29–Aug 1

We're sending a group of young adults to **Calvin University** in Michigan to grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ. For details, chat with **Pastor Espinosa**.

Women's Retreat | August 9

Our first-ever **women's retreat** is happening in **Dana Point** as a daytime event. Pastor Espinosa will lead us in reflecting on "*The Power of Confession*." Interested? Reach out to **Laura Miller or Pastor Espinosa**.

Men's Retreat | Sept 26–28

We're headed back to **Catalina Island** for a powerful weekend of worship and

fellowship at Campus by the Sea. Pastor Espinosa will again focus on “*The Power of Confession.*” Want in? Contact **Pastor Espinosa**.



Saint Paul’s Family Bible Camp **July 21–25 | Irvine Regional Park | Party Pavilion D**

Formerly known as **Vacation Bible School**, we’re excited to relaunch this cherished tradition as **Saint Paul’s Family Bible Camp** — a week designed not just for kids, but for **the whole family** to come together in God’s Word. Join us **July 21–25** at beautiful **Irvine Regional Park** (Party Pavilion D, near the train) for a meaningful time of learning, worship, and fun!

This year, our focus will be on Jesus' words from **John 10:11–18: “I am the Good Shepherd.”**

We’ll explore what it means to be part of His flock through **daily devotions, music, puppet shows, crafts, games, and shared fellowship** — all centered on Christ.

We encourage **all ages** to attend — parents, grandparents, and siblings — so our children can see what it means to live as the Church together.

Then, on **Sunday, July 27**, we’ll celebrate with a **Family Fellowship Potluck** after Divine Service! Camp participants will be invited to sing a special song during worship and receive a **free gift** to encourage their continued growth in God’s Word.



Want to bring a dish to the potluck? **Look out for a sign-up email from Jackie Johnson** or reach out directly to **office@saintpaulsirvine.com**.

Interested in attending or volunteering? Contact Jackie at **714-421-8389** or email us today!

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 **8:30am** in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, July 13:** sing for service at **9:30am**.

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)

The Bulletin Board

Life Quote: June 29 "As your life goes on, you will continue to see the effects of sin in the world. Your own bodies will fail with time. The world will seem to be a darker place. Loved ones will pass away. But do not be ignorant about those who have fallen asleep, the Apostle Paul encourages you. Instead, know with certainty that "the end for you is only the end of the hardship. Life awaits you in Christ!" *Daily Devotion, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Stewardship Message: June 29 – Proper 8

1 Kings 19:18 – "Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the church with our offerings. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

Chosen Bible Study

The Chosen Bible Study Group #2 will be meeting on August 23rd at 5:00pm at the Miller's home. This study will be over Season 2 Episode 1, if you'd like to join a Chosen Bible Study group, please contact office@saintpaulsirvine.com

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!



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. 8 – This is Personal

Welcome from your Evangelism Committee. Know brothers and sisters in Christ that God's Word is personal because it applies to all. We make it personal to others by declaring it to be for "you." God's wrath and judgment applies to all and all people should justly be terrified of it. But, the Gospel is the power of salvation for everyone who believes. (Rom 1:16) The Gospel, salvation through Jesus Christ, applies to all who will receive it. We convey this message to others by declaring it to be for them, by declaring it to be for "you."

St. Paul aptly shows us God's wrath applies to all. He writes, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men." All ungodliness and unrighteousness accounts for all sins. Whether they be sins of thought, word, and deed or sins willfully committed or sins committed in weakness, God's wrath is against all of them, every single one. If we are foolish enough to think that we are perfect and have no ungodliness and unrighteousness in us, Paul tells us straight up, "None is righteous, no not one." (Rom 3:10) Lest this not be enough, Paul continues, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23) All people have sinned. You have. I have. We all fall short and justly deserve God's wrath.

But, there is hope for us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Just as God's wrath applies to all, so too does his Gospel. For all who will receive it, for all who will trust in it and cleave to it, God promises eternal life. Through Christ's death and suffering, "we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Heb 10:10) Our God "has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Is 53:6) All people, regardless of race or ethnicity or gender, for all time in all places have had their sins paid for by the once for all sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus has taken your sins upon himself so that you may live, so that I may live, and so that all may live. It is truly "the power of salvation" for all people, "for everyone who believes." (Rom 1:16) God desires that all people hear this Word

and Gospel because he "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4) Therefore us Christians should carry the message of God's saving grace through Christ to all the corners of the Earth.

But, what does it look like to declare the Gospel to be for you? Paul did it and risked his life to do it. Even while imprisoned, Paul spoke the Gospel. When a jailer asked how he might be saved, Paul told him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31) To the Romans, Paul said, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom 10:9) Paul declared to the jailer and to the Romans that Jesus was for him and for them, but it is also for your neighbors, all people in your life, and for "you." When sharing the Gospel with others, tell them it is for them. Tell them it is for "you."

Lord God Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you. We confess that all of us have committed all sorts of ungodliness and unrighteousness and deserve your wrath. But, for the sake of the once for all sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord, please forgive us. Remember your promise that all people who believe in your Son will be saved. We know that you desire all people to be saved. So, inspire us, o Lord, to declare the Law and Gospel to all people in all places. Put the words into our mouth, o Lord, so that your Gospel becomes personal. In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.

Please Pray for our Missionaries, Council Members & Elders

Missionaries Supported by Saint 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 – Saint Paul’s supports our local evangelist.

Saint 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

Saint 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>Welcome Table</u>	<u>Livestream</u>
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<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>
5 th Sunday 6/29/2025	Mei Kuntz	Mark Kuntz Miles Johnson	Mike Padilla, Mark Kuntz	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
1 st Sunday 7/6/2025	Nina Mueller Myra Taylor	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Alex Padilla, Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.
2 nd Sunday 7/13/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Padilla, Mark Kuntz	Cindy Kilduff	Jim J.
3 rd Sunday 7/20/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank and Ed Miller	Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele
4 th Sunday 7/27/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Paul and Samuel Hines	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

5 th Sunday 06/29/2025	Nancy Howard, Johnson's
1 st Sunday 7/6/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard
2 nd Sunday 7/13/2025	Snyder, Cuenca, Espinosa, Hines
3 rd Sunday 7/20/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4 th Sunday 7/27/2025	Renee Mott, Gary & Daisy Minter, Liana Padilla

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.

