

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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 13, 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 +

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in F -- Vincent Lübeck

Greeting

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.**

- Psalm 41:1

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: **869 With the Lord Begin Your Task**
(all stanzas)

Kyrie

LSB 168

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
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 mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y 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, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 41; antiphon: v. 1



C ¹Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor! *
In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him;

²the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessèd | in the land; *
you do not give him up to the will of his | enemies.

³The LORD sustains him on his | sickbed; *
in his illness you restore him to | full health.

⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gra- | cious to me; *
heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!"

⁵My enemies say of me in | malice, *
"When will he die and his name | perish?"

⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers in- | iquity; *
when he goes out, he tells | it abroad.

⁷All who hate me whisper together a- | bout me; *
they imagine the | worst for me.

⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured | out on him; *
he will not rise again from | where he lies."

⁹Even my close friend in whom I | trusted, *
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel a- | gainst me.

**¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gra- | cious to me,*
and raise me up, that I may re- | pay them!**

**¹¹By this I know that you de- | light in me:*
my enemy will not shout in triumph | over me.**

**¹²But you have upheld me because of my in- | tegrity,*
and set me in your presence for- | ever.**

**¹³Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and | Amen.**

**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.**

**¹Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!*
In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him;**

Epistle

Colossians 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



C 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

Luke 10:25–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

(all stanzas)

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the spirit of intercession, that we might constantly remember our brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer, even as they remember us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and church workers, that they may proclaim the saving Gospel and be faithful in every responsibility, and that we may hear the

counsel of God's Word with willing hearts and correct our errors and repent of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our families and communities, that those who grow in weakness and need may have a deepened trust in the Lord's strength to bear and His power to save, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our nation, that the Lord would bless our leaders with wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land, so that the Gospel may be preached boldly and continue to bear fruit and grow, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are sick, those who suffer and those who grieve, [*especially* _____], that they may be strengthened by the Lord's power to endure their trials and bear the good fruit of faith even in their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who gather around Christ's body and blood, that being carried through Baptism into the safety of His Church, they may abide in this place of refuge and rightly rejoice in His gracious care, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty God, You have been faithful to us, who deserved none of Your mercies. Lead us to receive them with grateful hearts and to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering: What Shall I Render to the Lord -- David Cherwien

Stand

Offertory


LSB 176



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.

+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

LSB 177

- 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.
- 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

LSB 178



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

LSB 178

- 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."

Proclamation of Christ

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

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 180





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

Distribution Hymns:

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
(all stanzas)

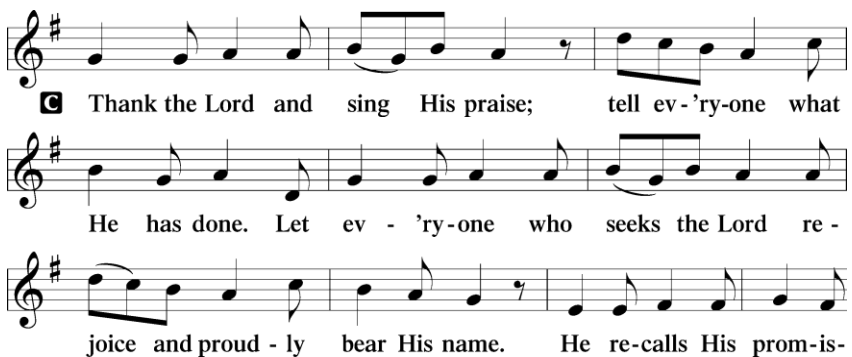
698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill
(all stanzas)

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(all stanzas)

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 181



☐ 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-is-



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** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

- 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** Amen.

Postlude:

Fanfare -- Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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Today:

Bible Study Today!

Join us after Divine Service for fellowship in the café area—grab a snack, catch up with friends, and enjoy some time together. Then at **11:00 a.m.**, head over to **Bible Study with Pastor Kaelberer** for a deeper dive into God’s Word. We hope to see you there!

Giving Made Easy – Try Our New Online Giving Platform!

We've made it fast and easy to support the ministry at Saint Paul's through our new online giving system with Amplify. This secure platform allows you to set up one-time or recurring donations, all from your phone or computer.

You can even choose to give directly to causes close to your heart—like helping send our high school youth to *Higher Things* or supporting *Saint Paul's Family Bible Camp*.

Give today by scanning the QR code or visiting:



<https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/sain9267562>

Thank you for your continued generosity!

General Announcements

Pastor Espinosa will be unavailable for the next few weeks. For any pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Rev. Robert Dargatz at 714-474-3444.

Congregational Voter's Meeting – July 20th

WHEN: July 20, after worship

Topic:

1. Vote to approve 2025-2026 Church Council Officers

- a. President – Debbie Dannemeyer
- b. Head Elder – tbd
- c. Financial Secretary—Laura Miller
- d. Treasurer— Ken Mott
- e. Youth – open (contact office@saintpaulsirvine.com)**
- f. Evangelism --Brad Hustad
- g. Stewardship – Ali Frank
- h. Fellowship – Renee Mott
- i. Director of Education – Jacob Thornblad
- j. Trustee— Jon Rutherford
- k. Secretary – Matt Bures

We hope to see you there.

Debbie Dannemeyer, Congregational President



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**.



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 at beautiful Irvine Regional Park (Party Pavilion D, near the train) for a meaningful time of learning, worship, and fun!

This year's theme comes from **John 10:11–18**:

"I am the Good Shepherd."

Each day will include devotions, music, puppet shows, crafts, games, and Christ-centered fellowship as we explore what it means to be part of His flock. We encourage all ages to attend — parents, grandparents, and siblings — so our children can see what it means to live as the Church together.

As we prepare for camp, we could use your help with donations similar to the items listed on our Amazon list:



<https://a.co/1Y95IPx>

If you have the means to donate to this year's Family Bible Camp at Saint Paul's, it would be so very helpful. Every year, we know this makes a huge impact on the kids, and this year we've focused on providing mostly organic, healthy, nutritious meals and snacks for our families — which can add to the cost — so all donations are

appreciated.

Prefer to give directly? You can also contribute here:

💰 <https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/sain9267562>

📞 Interested in attending or volunteering?

Contact Jackie at **714-421-8389** or email **office@saintpaulsirvine.com**.

Family Fellowship Potluck

Sunday, July 27 | After Divine Service

Join us for a special time of fellowship as we wrap up Family Bible Camp with a **Fellowship Potluck** following Divine Service! Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and great company.

☀️ Camp participants will 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?

Please sign up here:

👉 [Saint Paul's Fellowship Potluck 7/27 - Google Sheets](#) or sign up in the café during fellowship!

For questions, email **office@saintpaulsirvine.com** or contact Jackie Johnson.

The Bulletin Board

Life Quote: July 13 “Take heart and have hope, God’s people! Even though it appears as though we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is ALWAYS faithful.”

Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Weekly Stewardship Message: July 13 – Proper 10 Luke 10:25b –

“**Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**” There is nothing right about this question. What shall I *do* to *inherit*? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can’t do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father’s children with our good works.

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/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. 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
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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>
<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 7/13/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Padilla, Mark Kuntz	Cindy Kilduff	Jim J.
3rd Sunday 7/20/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank and Ed Miller	Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele
4th Sunday 7/27/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Paul and Samuel Hines	John Church, Jon Steele	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 7/13/2025	Snyder, Cuenca, Espinosa, Hines
3 rd Sunday 7/20/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4th Sunday 7/27/2025	Renee Mott, Gary & Daisy Minter
1st Sunday 7/6/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard