

***Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!***  
**Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)**  
***Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost***  
**Sunday, November 9, 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 at 11:00 am

**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 -- JS Bach

## Greeting

- P** Praise the LORD!
- C** **Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!**

-Psalm 148:1

## 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:**

**912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone**  
*(all stanzas)*

# Kyrie

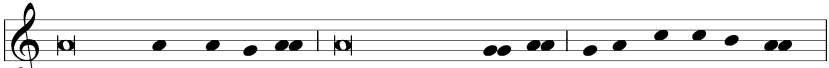
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**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.



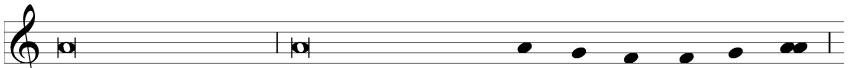
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



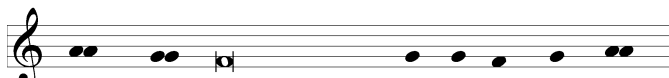
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



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.

### This Is the Feast

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**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



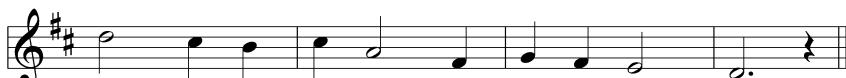
**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; 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

*Exodus 3:1-15*

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was

burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13*



**P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
 for his name alone is ex- | alted;\*  
 his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the | heavens;\*  
 praise him | in the heights!

**C** Praise him, all his | angels;\*  
praise him, | all his hosts!

**P** Praise him, | sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you | shining stars!

**C** Praise him, you highest | heavens,\*  
and you waters above the | heavens!

**P** Let them praise the name | of the LORD!\*

For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

**C** And he established them forever and | ever,\*  
he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

**P** Praise the LORD | from the earth,\*  
you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

**C** fire and hail, | snow and mist,\*  
stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

**P** Mountains and | all hills,\*  
fruit trees and all | cedars!

**C** Beasts and all | livestock,\*  
creeping things and | flying birds!

**P** Kings of the earth and all | peoples,\*  
princes and all rulers | of the earth!

**C** Young men and maidens to- | gether,\*  
old men and | children!

**P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is ex- | alted;\*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

**C** He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for | all his saints,\*  
for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!

**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** Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is ex- | alted;\*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

## Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

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



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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27-40

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day:**

**712 Seek Ye First**

*(all stanzas)*

**Sermon**

"When Christ Destroys"

Pastor Espinosa

**Introduction:** Personal God and personal beings.

- No hyper-spiritual goo or blobs.

**Part 1:** God Comes Against Our Enemy

- Exodus 3: slavery
- 2nd Thessalonians 2: lawlessness
- Luke 20: ignorance
- Memorize 1st John 3:8b
- Protection: Second Commandment and Meaning

**Part 2:** Practical Heads Up

- The danger of spiritual slavery
- The danger of carelessness & unrighteousness
- The danger of denying the Word

**Part 3:** Gospel

- Exodus 3: How God is identified, vv. 14-15
- 2nd Thessalonians: How you are protected, v 13
- Luke 20: How you are identified, v 36

You are identified as:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**☐ 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 grace and peace in our Savior, Jesus Christ, that whatever troubles, tribulations and temptations afflict us in this world of sin and sorrow, we may never forget or forsake Him, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we would be strengthened in Christ to bear our crosses in patience and trust and remain faithful unto Him until He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church, that she may hold fast to the Word of life in the midst of a crooked and twisted world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Against all grumbling, rivalry and conceit in the Church of God; and for humble and devout faith lasting until the day of Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those good works that flow from faith in God's precious Son, that everything His children do in thought, speech and action would bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we would always be thankful for the Lord's rich and abundant blessings to us and to our country; for Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; our legislators; and all who make, administer and judge our laws; and that we would be delivered from threats of violence and taught the way of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] that they would be blessed with healing, relief, comfort and peace according to the Lord's will; and that in His good and gracious will,

He would grant us all things needful for this body and life and keep us amid all these afflictions, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the faith to discern Christ's body and the repentance to receive this Holy Communion worthily; for our fellowship at the table of the Lord, that we may be sustained in unity of doctrine and life together; and that we would be brought to that day when divisions shall no longer prevent us from receiving the Sacrament as one Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Offering**

My Lord, What a Morning -- Eugene W Hancock

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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



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



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



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

**+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.*

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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.**

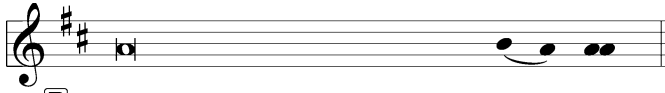
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final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



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**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

### Distribution Hymns:

**752 Be Still, My Soul**

*(all stanzas)*

**739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

*(all stanzas)*

**742 For Me to Live Is Jesus**

*(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-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

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

**C** A - men.

## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**C** A - men.

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Today:

Bible Study at 11:00 AM

This Sunday Bible Study will begin on Part 2 of the book *Contending for Christ Through the Creed*: “**Contending for the Faith According to the Second Article of the Creed.**”

This week, we will explore **Chapter 5: “Contending for Jesus Christ of Real History.”**

Come one, come all! If you have not yet received your free copy, please join us — I’ll be happy to provide you with a signed one.

— *Pastor Espinosa*

This Week:

☀️ **Join the Journey—Daily Bible Devotionals with Pastor Al!** ☀️

It’s 2025, and **Pastor Espinosa hasn’t missed a single day** of walking through Scripture with us!

Whether you’ve been following along or just jumping in, you’re invited to be part of this powerful, daily connection to God’s Word.

📖 **Need a boost of faith each day?**

👉 Catch daily devotionals on:

- **Facebook** – @AlfonsoEspinosa
- **TikTok** – @alfonsoespinosa356
- **Instagram** – @alfonsoespinosa88

📧 Prefer devotionals by email?

Just send a quick note to **office@saintpaulsirvine.com** and we’ll get you added to the list! Let’s keep growing—together in Christ—one day, one verse at a time.

General Announcements

**Special Music at St. Paul’s**

Join us for upcoming services featuring St. Paul’s Choir, directed by Mark Howard. “*Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given*”

*to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.”*

– Martin Luther

- **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 – 7:00 pm:**

Music by Jeffrey Van, Alfred Fedak, Gustav Holst, and John Rutter, with Jerry Dahlin (organ) and Rachel Okonski (flute).

***Come and be blessed by these special worship services!***

For more information or to join the choir, contact Mark Howard at 714-423-6460 or markahoward@sbcglobal.net

### **The Bulletin Board**

**Life Quote: November 9** “God creates, redeems, and calls all human beings as His own precious treasures from fertilization to forever, regardless of ages, appearances, abilities, or impairments. The Gospel of Jesus Christ invites us to an honest humility and an enthusiastic hope that receive each one as gift and privilege!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Weekly Stewardship Message:** November 9 – Proper 27

Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.

### **Upcoming Service Dates to Know:**

Join us for our upcoming special services as we give thanks and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ:

- **Thanksgiving Eve Service** – Wednesday, **November 27 at 7:00 PM**
- **Advent Midweek Series: *Our Advent God*** – Wednesdays at **7:00 PM**
  - December 3 – *Promise Keeper* (Jeremiah 33:14-16)
  - December 10 – *Immutable* (Malachi 3:1-7b)
  - December 17 – *Rejoicing* (Zephaniah 3:14-20)
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Wednesday, **December 24 at 7:00 PM**
- **Christmas Day Festival Service** – Thursday, **December 25 at 9:30 AM**

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the faithfulness of our God and the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

## 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.

## Upcoming Choir Schedule – Christmas 2025

The choir will resume rehearsals this fall! Please join us on the following dates:

- **Sunday, Dec. 14** – Rehearsal at **8:30 am** in the café area
- **Sunday, Dec. 21** – Rehearsal at **8:30 am** in the café area
- **Wednesday, Dec. 24** – Rehearsal at **6:00 pm**, sing for the **7:00 pm** Christmas Eve service

Sheet music and rehearsal recordings will be available on the church website (*Ministries – Choir*) so you can review the music ahead of time. *Please plan your schedule to make yourself available to rehearse and sing.*

**All are invited to sing in the choir – we need everyone!**

For questions, please contact **Mark Howard, Choir Director**  
at (714) 423-6460 or [markahoward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markahoward@sbcglobal.net).

**Opportunities to Volunteer & Serve**

We're always looking for ways to share our gifts and serve both our congregation and the wider community. Volunteering is a wonderful way to get involved—and for students, it can also be a great way to fulfill required service hours.

If you are interested in volunteering with any of our current opportunities—or if you have new ideas for how we can serve together—please contact the church office at [office@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:office@saintpaulsirvine.com).

**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: <a href="mailto:erin.mackenzie@lcms.org">erin.mackenzie@lcms.org</a>	Latin America & Caribbean
Britt Odemba Email: <a href="mailto:britt.odemba@lcms.org">britt.odemba@lcms.org</a>	Kenya
Rev. Dr. Tom Park Email: <a href="mailto:tom.park@lcms.org">tom.park@lcms.org</a>	Taiwan

**Missionary Friends (Non-Financial Support)**

Missionary	Role	Location
Tirzah Krey Email: <a href="mailto:tirzah.krey@lcms.org">tirzah.krey@lcms.org</a>	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)*

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**Local Evangelism Support:** Rev. Mark Jasa

**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

**Mike Padilla** – Presiding Elder ~ **Renee Mott** – Fellowship Director ~ **Bradley**

**Hustad** – Evangelism Director

**Jacob Thornblad** – Education Director ~ *vacant* – Youth Director

**Saint Paul's Elders**

**Mike Padilla** (Presiding Elder) ~ **Bruce Dannemeyer** ~ **Bryan Kilduff** ~

**John Church** ~ **Jon Steele** ~ **Karl Blanke** ~ **Mark Kuntz** ~ **Steve Fischer**

~ **Ricky Cuenca** ~ **Alex Padilla** ~ **Michael Lange**

### **SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Altar Team</b>	<b>Ushers/ Greeter</b>	<b>Elders on Duty</b>	<b>Welcome Table</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
<i>Service Team Chairs</i>	<i>Shared Role</i>	<i>Mike Padilla</i>	<i>Mike Padilla</i>	<i>Kiu Geisler</i>	<i>Jon Steele</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11/9/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Padilla	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11/16/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank, Ed Miller	Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11/23/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Bill Frank, Ed Miller	Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11/30/2025	<i>Help needed</i>	Mike Padilla	Mike Padilla	Cindy Kilduff	Jim J.
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 12/7/2025	Nina Mueller	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Alex Padilla	Anne Wright	Jim J.

### **FELLOWSHIP ROTATION**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11/9/2025	Renee Mott, Ann Ashmon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11/16/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11/23/2025	Renee Mott, Daisy Minter
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11/30/2025	Jackie Johnson, Julie Stiegemeyer
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 12/7/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard