

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

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8, 2026

Divine Service: 9:30 am & 2:00 pm (*Acapella*)

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.*

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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.

Saint Paul's Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Alfonso O. Espinosa, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steven P. Mueller, Ph.D.

Vicar: Miles Johnson

Organist: Gerald Dahlin

Choir Director: Mark Howard

Administrative Coordinator: Jackie Johnson

This Week at Saint Paul's

Sunday, March 8

- 9:30 am – Divine Worship: “God’s Water” (Genesis 17:1–7)
- 11:00 am – Congregational Meeting: Saint Paul’s Lutheran Classical Academy Update
- 2:00 pm – Divine Worship: “God’s Water” (Genesis 17:1–7)

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:30 am- Patrons Bible Study on Pastor’s book “Contending for Christ through the Creed” (contact Pastor Espinosa for more information)

Wednesday, March 11

- 9:00 am – Divine Worship (Part 4 of our Series on The Ten Commandments): “The 4th Commandment: Justice”
- 10:00 am – Bible Study: Galatians
- 7:00 pm – Evening Prayer (Part 4 of our Series on The Ten Commandments): “The 4th Commandment: Justice”

Thursday, March 12

- 6:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study: The Gospel of St. Matthew

Sunday, March 15

- 9:30 am – Divine Worship: Pastor Mueller
- 11:00 am – Bible Study: The Names and Titles of Jesus (cont.)
- 2:00 pm – Divine Worship: Pastor Espinosa

+ In the Name of Jesus +

Prelude

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Greeting

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

- Psalm 95:6

Confession and Absolution

Entrance Hymn:

823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

(all stanzas)

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

Kyrie

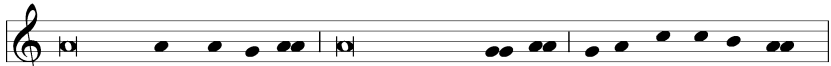
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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.



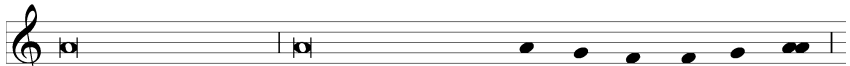
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



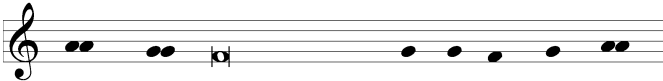
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to

Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 95:1–9; antiphon: v. 6



P Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

C **Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;***

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

P For the LORD is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

C **In his hand are the depths | of the earth;***

the heights of the mountains are his | also.

P The sea is his, for he | made it,*

and his hands formed the | dry land.

C **Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;***

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

P For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep | of his hand.

Today, if you | hear his voice,*

**C do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the | wilderness,**

P when your fathers put me | to the test*

and put me to the proof, though they had | seen my work.

**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.**

P Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
(all stanzas)

Sermon

"God's Water"

(Genesis 17:1-7)

Pastor Espinosa

Stand

Nicene Creed

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithful hearts to worship in spirit and truth, that many would come to know Christ in His Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithful pastors to lead us to the living water flowing from the stricken side of our Rock, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For parents, that God would bless them with all wisdom as they teach their children His ways, bestowing His riches in His Word, that all may confess Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord to preserve our nation and prosper the cause of justice in this land; and for Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; _____, our governor; and all elected and appointed civil servants, that the Lord would grant us peace among the nations and watch over those who protect us in the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the needy, sorrowful, sick and all those facing adversity, [*especially* _____,] that God would hold them in His almighty hands and bring them consolation; that He would give us grace to accept and bear our crosses with faith in Christ; and that He would prepare us to depart this life in faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For safe haven at the altar of God, that we who bear the weight of this world and its sorrows would receive the blessings of those who sing His praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For strong hearts that boldly confess our sins, that we who daily sin much may joyfully receive God's word of absolution, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P These and whatever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Verset Chorale – Th Dubois

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 to prepare you to receive the Holy Sacrament.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177



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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the

paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180

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

Sit

Distribution

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

(all stanzas)

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

(all stanzas)

763 When Peace, like a River

(all stanzas)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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TODAY

**SAINT PAUL’S LUTHERAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY MEETING
TODAY AFTER SERVICE**

The Feasibility Study Results and FAQ prepared by our Exploratory Committee in partnership with LCEF are now available. These materials summarize:

- Research conducted by LCEF on local demographics, school comparisons, and financial considerations
- A detailed FAQ prepared by our committee to address anticipated questions from supporters and donors

IMPORTANT: MEETING TODAY

Immediately after today’s worship service, we will present the findings from LCEF and the exploratory team and ask for your approval to move into the next phase of our work: forming an Advisory Committee of business, education, and administrative leaders.

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

Please review the two documents, Copies were emailed to the congregation. Paper copies are available in the church office for review. Scan QR code for digital copies here:



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” — Jeremiah 29:11

General Announcements

SAVE THE DATE: March 22nd

Saint Paul's first **Flock Fellowship & Study** event is happening on **March 22** after divine Service. We invite you to join us for fellowship and study as we build stronger relationships and grow in our faith together. We're excited to gather as a church family and grow in Christ.

More details to come.

Please consider volunteering for Altar Guild.

The Altar Guild is a ministry dedicated to the preparation and care of the sanctuary and all elements used in worship, especially Holy Communion. Members prepare the altar before services, set out bread and wine, care for sacred vessels and linens, change paraments according to the church year, and ensure the worship space is orderly and welcoming. Serving quietly behind the scenes, the Altar Guild supports the congregation's worship life with prayerful attention to detail and respect for the sacredness of Word and Sacrament. As an Altar Guild volunteer, the commitment is to prepare the sanctuary once per month prior to Sunday morning service and cleanup after. We generally meet biannually to organize and plan for the church year. If you would like to volunteer, please let an Altar Guild member or Mike Padilla know. Training will be provided.

Lenten & Holy Week Sermon Series: The Ten Commandments

Join us for our Lenten and Holy Week sermon series centered on the Ten Commandments. Each service will focus on Christ and His fulfillment of the Law. **All services are held at 7:00 p.m.**

Service Schedule

- **March 11** – 4th Commandment: *Justice*
- **March 18** – 5th Commandment: *Sanctity*
- **March 25** – 6th Commandment: *Temperance*
- **April 2 (Maundy Thursday)** – 7th & 8th Commandments: *Concord*
- **April 3 (Good Friday) 9:00 am & 7:00pm** – 9th & 10th Commandments: *Prudence*



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Music is the art of the prophets and the gift of God.

— Martin Luther

UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC & CHOIR SCHEDULE

Special Music in Worship:

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 9:30 am Service

Violin Duets: Jacob Thornburg and Oliver DiMartino

Piano Accompaniment by Jerry Dahlin

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 – 7:00 pm

St. Paul's Choir, Directed by Mark Howard

Jerry Dahlin, Organ and Piano

Rachel Okonski, Flute

Contact Mark Howard, Choir Director- (714) 423-6460

markahoward@sbcglobal.net

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

Easter Fellowship Breakfast- Help wanted!!

Easter Sunday is just around the corner, and we are excited to celebrate together with a special Easter Breakfast Potluck on Sunday, April 5, 2026, in between services around 9:30 am. We invite you to bring a dish to share—whether it's a casserole, fresh fruit, pastries, or a special family recipe. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal before our Easter service.

To help us plan, please sign up to bring a dish using the sign-up sheet during fellowship on Sunday. Thank you for being part of this special time of community and celebration!

We look forward to rejoicing with you on Easter morning! If you have any questions, please contact **Renee Mott at 650-438-4791.**



Easter Egg Hunt Update – Candy Donations Needed!



We're getting ready for a joyful Easter celebration, and we'd love your help! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon, and we are collecting **individually wrapped candy donations** to fill eggs for our children's event.



Candy donations may be dropped off at the church by March 27, 2026.

Would you rather give online? You can make a donation through our Amplify Giving Portal by scanning the QR code or visiting the link provided.

Your generosity helps make this Easter a fun and memorable experience for our church family — thank you for supporting our children's ministry!

Questions? Please contact **Traci Espinosa** directly at 281-627-2646.

Save the Date – Saint Paul’s VBS is Back!

Saint Paul’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) is returning this summer! Mark your calendars for **June 29 – July 3** at **Irvine Regional Park**, just as we’ve joyfully done in past years.

VBS is a fun, Christ-centered week designed for children to grow in faith through songs, lessons, crafts, games, and fellowship. We’re excited to bring this ministry back—and to begin forming our **VBS Leadership Team**.

As we begin planning in the coming months, **we need volunteers!** If you feel called to share your time and talents, please reach out to our Head Elder, **Mike Padilla** head.elder@saintpaulsirvine.com, who will be helping coordinate the effort. Thank you for considering how you might support this wonderful ministry!

Volunteer Opportunities at Saint Paul’s

Saint Paul’s has several meaningful opportunities for members to serve and get involved. If you’ve been looking for a way to use your gifts, **now is the perfect time!**

We currently have openings for:

- **Evangelism Director**

This role focuses on organization and communication—no direct evangelism required. The goal is simply to help coordinate our “Circle of Friends” outreach and keep records for follow-up.

- **Youth Director**

- **Altar Guild Members** (see above earlier announcement)

- **Vacation Bible School Volunteers** (see above)

If you are interested in finding your place to serve at Saint Paul’s, please contact: **Jackie Johnson (Admin):**

office@saintpaulsirvine.com or **Mike Padilla (Presiding Elder):**
head.elder@saintpaulsirvine.com

We would love to help you connect with a role where your gifts can bless our community!

SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar Team</u> | <u>Ushers/ Greeter</u> | <u>Elders on Duty</u> | <u>Welcome Table</u> | <u>Live-stream</u> |
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| Service Team Chairs | Shared Role | Mike Padilla | Mike Padilla | Kiu Geisler | Jon Steele |
| 2nd 3/8/2026 | Elizabeth Brothwell | Don & Elizabeth Brothwell | Michael Lange | Kiu Geisler | Jim J. |
| 3rd 3/15/2026 | Ali Frank, Laura Miller | Bill Frank, Ed Miller | Bryan Kilduff | Cindy Kilduff | Jon Steele |
| 4th 3/22/2026 | Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright | Paul & Samuel Hines | Jon Steele | Anne Wright | Jon Steele |
| 5th 3/22/2026 | Help Needed | Bill Frank, Ed Miller | Brad Hustad | Kiu Geisler | Jon Steele |
| 1st 4/4/2026 | Help Needed | Mike Padilla, Barney Wright | Bruce Dannemeyer | Kiu Geisler | Jim J. |

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

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| 2 nd - 3/8/2026 | Renee Mott, Ann Ashmon |
| 3 rd - 3/15/2026 | Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer |
| 4 th - 3/22/2026 | Daisy Minter, Anne Marie Hines |
| 5 th - 3/29/2026 | Johnson's, Julie Stiegemeyer, Nancy Howard |
| 1 st - 3/1/2026 | Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard |