

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 15, 2026

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

Special Music: Jacob Thornblad (violin) & Oliver DiMartino (violin)

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 15

- 9:30 am – Divine Worship: Blindness & Sight (John 9:1-41)- Pastor Mueller
- 11:00 am – Bible Study: The Names & Titles of Jesus (cont.)
- 2:00 pm – Divine Worship: The Blessing of Blindness (Isaiah 42:14-21)- Pastor Espinosa

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 am – Divine Worship (Part 5 of our Series on The Ten Commandments): "The 5th Commandment: Sanctity"
- 10:00 am – Bible Study: Galatians
- 7:00 pm – Evening Prayer (Part 5 of our Series on The Ten Commandments): "The 5th Commandment: Sanctity"

Thursday, March 19

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

Sunday, March 22

- 9:30 am – Divine Worship: Pastor Espinosa
- 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

Pavane, Gabriel Faure / Air on the G String, J.S. Bach

Greeting

P I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge,

C **my portion in the land of the living."**

- *Psalm 142:5*

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: **551 When to Our World the Savior Came**
(all stanzas)

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2



- C** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 9:1–41

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with

the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he

opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.

³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C 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;

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Spring from the Four Seasons, Antonio Vivaldi

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church of God, that she, being enlightened by the Gospel, would be a home for those cast out by this world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, gathered and sanctified in God's truth; for Matthew, our Synod president; Michael, our district president; and Glenn, our circuit visitor, that they would be guided and directed in their tasks; and for all vacant congregations, that God would send laborers into His harvest and sustain those whom He has sent, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all authorities, especially parents and civil servants, that God would strengthen homes and keep families firm in the Christian faith; and that He would preserve us from wickedness and uphold order and justice for a peaceful life, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially _____*,] that they would take heart, trust in Christ for healing and find Him even in the midst of their trials, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to believe Christ's blessed testament, seek His Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins, and confess His truth with honest hearts in the communion of this altar, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For those who wander in the darkness through rough places in this life, that they would wait on the salvation of the Lord and not be put to shame, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P All these things, O heavenly Father, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for His sake alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

+Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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

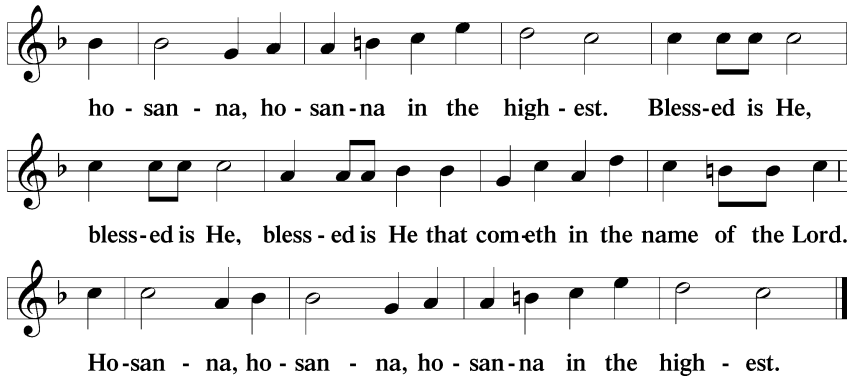
LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution & Distribution Hymns:

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

(all stanzas)

744 Amazing Grace

(sts. 1-5)

426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(all stanzas)

767 Jesus, Remember Me

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

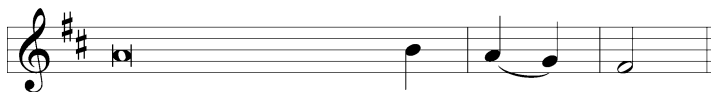
LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



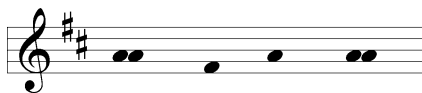
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



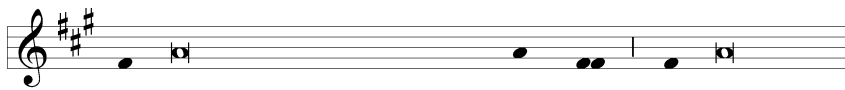
A Bless we the Lord.



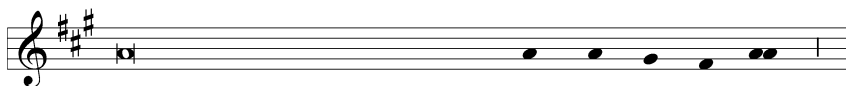
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

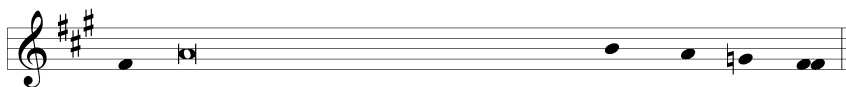
LSB 202



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



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Postlude

Tocatta – Charles Sergisson

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General Announcements

Congregational Meeting Update – March 8

At our congregational voters meeting on Sunday, March 8, we are pleased to share that the congregation gave **unanimous approval** to move forward with the next step in the school exploration process.

Saint Paul’s will officially transition from the **Exploratory Committee to Advisory Board – Stage 1** for the proposed **Saint Paul’s Lutheran K–8 Classical Academy**.

We ask the congregation to **join in prayer** for this developing ministry—that the Lord would grant wisdom, clarity, unity, and faithfulness to all those involved, and that this effort would serve to glorify God and bless children, families, and our community according to His will.

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 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*

Easter Sunday- Divine Services

1st Service – 8:00 AM

2nd Service – 10:30 AM

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

– Martin Luther

UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Date: **Good Friday, April 3, 2026 – 7:00 pm**

St. Paul's Choir, Directed by Mark Howard

Jerry Dahlin, Organ and Piano

Rachel Okonski, Flute

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

Violin Duets: Jacob Thornburg and Oliver DiMartino

Piano Accompaniment by Jerry Dahlin

Date: **Sunday, April 19, 2026 – 9:30 am Service**

Special Guests:

Concordia University Irvine Handbell Quintet

Don't miss these special worship services!

Interested in contributing your musical talent in voice or instrument?

Contact Mark Howard 714.423.6460

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Stay connected and don't miss a thing!

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**.

Bible Study Handout Available

Pastor Espinosa will be leading a **Bible study on Christian nationalism** on **Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.** This study will be held as a **closed-group session**.

A handout from the study will be available to any parishioner who would like a copy, even if you are not attending the session. To request the handout, please email Pastor Espinosa at **revdrespinosa@saintpaulsirvine.com**.



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>
Service Team Chairs	Shared Role	Mike Padilla	Mike Padilla	Kiu Geisler	Jon Steele
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.
2nd 4/11/2026	Elizabeth Brothwell	Don & Elizabeth Brothwell	Michael Lange	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

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 - 4/4/2026	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard
2 nd - 4/11/2026	Renee Mott, Ann Ashmon