

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

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026

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

New Member Sunday: The Stallard Family; Ryenn Zerbel

Holy Baptism of Tristan Stallard

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, February 22

- 9:30 am: Divine Service "First Gospel" – Pastor Espinosa
- 11:00 am: Bible study- *Names of Jesus*
- 2:00 pm: Divine Service "First Gospel" – Pastor Espinosa

Wednesday, February 25

- 9:00 am: Midweek Service- *Second Commandment- "Discipline"*- led by Vicar Johnson (Pastor Espinosa's Sermon)
- 10:00 am: Galatians Bible Study
- 7:00 pm: Midweek Service- *Second Commandment- "Discipline"*- led by Vicar Johnson (Pastor Espinosa's Sermon)

Thursday, February 26

- 6:30 pm: Men's Bible Study – "God the Son"- led by Elder candidate Brad Hustad, published by Pastor Espinosa

Sunday, March 1

- 9:30 am: Divine Service "Go to the land that I will Show you" (Genesis 12:1-12) – Pastor Espinosa
- 11:00 am: Bible Study – *Names of Jesus*
- 2:00 pm: Divine Service "Go to the Land that I Will Show You" (Genesis 12:1-12) – Pastor Espinosa

Ongoing Offerings at Saint Paul's:

- Pastor Espinosa is available for pastoral counsel, adult instruction, individual confession & absolution, and visitation to the sick, immunocompromised, distressed, or hospitalized. Pastor also offers house blessings.
- We have two fellowship and Bible Study groups that meet once per month. Both groups watch highlight clips of *The Chosen* TV series and then engage in Scripture study. ***Please contact Pastor at 949-379-0883 if interested in any of the above events.*** 😊

+ In the Name of Jesus +

Prelude

"Ein' feste Burg" : Dieterich Buxtehude

Greeting

- P** You are my hiding place;
C you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

- Psalm 32:7

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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for your 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: 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days
(all stanzas)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Holy Baptism

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

Stand

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

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death,

and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R Tristan Stallard

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Tristan, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Tristan according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith

expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve *Tristan* as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

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.**

If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

P *Tristan*, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P *Tristan*, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P *Tristan*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this candle to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you [*a member / members*] of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [*an heir / heirs*] with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our [*brother(s)/sister(s)*] in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Tristan the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The following collect may also be prayed.

P Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father(s) and mother(s) of this child and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make

one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"
and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day:

561 The Tree of Life

(all stanzas)

Sermon

"First Gospel"

(Genesis 3:1-15)

Pastor Espinosa

Stand

Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

- R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- R** *Yes, I believe 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.*
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, 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.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P *Jordan/Ashley/Tristan & Ryenn*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace † be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to follow our Lord Jesus and resist temptation, that we would come through this fallen world to dwell with Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For a faithful proclamation of truth, that God would embolden pastors to warn of sin and death and give all Christians strength to defend that message; and that sinners would be turned to life through the proclamation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve us from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, give us the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those with worldly authority, that they would resist the allure of power and would worship God alone, punish evil and praise those who do good, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve, [*especially _____*], that in their afflictions and pain the Lord would sustain and heal them according to His will and deliver them at last to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that God, who once covered the sin of our first parents with animal skin, foreshadowing Christ's perfect sacrifice by which we are cleansed and clothed, would give us the garments of repentance and faith to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In gratefulness for God's good creation and His gifts, that we may be good stewards of all that He has given and be preserved from trusting in our possessions more than in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

What Shall I Render to the Lord – David Cherwien

+ 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

Stand

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

The Words of Our Lord

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

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you

for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

392 God Loves Me Dearly

(all stanzas)

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

(all stanzas)

600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

(all stanzas)

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

(all stanzas)

Nunc Dimittis

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant, De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and \mp give you peace.

G Amen.

Postlude

Pasticcio – Jean Langlais

Acknowledgments Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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General Announcements

Pastoral Emergency Contact – This Week


Please note that Pastor Espinosa will be away Monday through Saturday of this coming week. During this time, we are implementing a new process for handling pastoral emergencies.

Vicar Miles Johnson will serve as the primary point of contact for any pastoral emergencies and will be available 24/7.

If a need can be addressed in coordination with our elders, he will do so. If pastoral coverage is required, he will contact Pastor Mueller and, if needed, other area pastors.

For pastoral emergencies this week, please contact:

Vicar Miles Johnson

 913-401-9223

Thank you for your understanding and prayers during this time.

New Bible Study Beginning This Sunday!

We're excited to begin a new Bible study this Sunday! Everyone who attends will receive their own high-quality, full-color resource focused on the Names of Jesus — at no cost.

This special edition of *Good News Magazine* is beautifully produced and filled with deeply meaningful lessons, thoughtful illustrations, vivid imagery, and rich explanations to enhance your study.

Each participant will receive their own booklet to keep. We're confident that anyone who attends will be glad they did!

Join us this Sunday — we look forward to growing in God's Word together.

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

- **February 25** – 2nd Commandment: *Discipline*
- **March 4** – 3rd Commandment: *Allegiance*
- **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)** – 9th & 10th

Commandments: *Prudence*

Saint Paul's Lutheran Classical Academy Congregational Meeting – March 8

Please plan to attend our congregational meeting on March 8, where we will review the LCEF feasibility study results and other key pertinent information, and prayerfully consider updating our current Feasibility Committee to an Advisory Committee for the development of Saint Paul's Lutheran Classical Academy.

If you would like more information, please contact Debbie (council.president@saintpaulsirvine.com) or Mike (head.elder@saintpaulsirvine.com).

Please continue to keep this process and our congregation in your prayers.

Thank you!



Calling All Young Adults :

We invite all Young Adults to fill out the survey by scanning the QR Code. Also, if you know of any Young Adults who would be interested in our Young Adults group, please share the survey with them. Follow us on Instagram @splclamplight



Bulletin Announcement Update

In an effort to make our bulletins easier to print and more cost-effective, some announcements that do not require special highlighting or that are repeated weekly will now be available via QR code. If you would like an emailed copy, are having trouble

accessing the QR code, or would prefer a printed copy, please email
office@saintpaulsirvine.com

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

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

Special Guests: Concordia University Irvine Handbell Quintet

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 9:30 am Service

St. Paul's Choir, Directed by Mark Howard
Jerry Dahlin, Organ and Piano

Upcoming Choir Schedule – First Half of 2026

- **Sunday, March 22** – Rehearsal at 8:30 am in the café area
- **Sunday, March 29** – Rehearsal at 8:30 am in the café area
- **Good Friday, April 3** – Rehearsal at 6:00 pm; sing for service at 7:00 pm
- **Sunday, May 3** – Rehearsal at 8:30 am in the café area
- **Sunday, May 10** – Rehearsal at 8:30 am in the café area
- **Sunday, May 17** – Rehearsal at 8:30 am; sing for service at 9:30 am

Sheet music and rehearsal recordings will be available on the church website (Ministries–Choir) so you can become familiar with the music. Interested in contributing your musical talent in voice or instrument?

Contact Mark Howard, Choir Director- (714) 423-6460
markahoward@sbcglobal.net

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



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.

FEASIBILITY STUDY RESULTS AND FAQ NOW AVAILABLE Saint Paul's Lutheran Classical Academy

As promised during our January meeting, these two documents will inform you of the work and conclusions found by our Exploratory Committee in partnership with LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund).

- Document #1 is a set of slides that were presented by LCEF to the Exploratory Team at the conclusion of their study. This content includes research conducted by LCEF on demographics in the City of Irvine and surrounding communities, local school competition and comparisons, and financial considerations.
- Document #2 is an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions). Our committee developed the questions and answers of the FAQ in anticipation of the questions that supporters and donors may have.

MARCH 8 is an important date in the life of our congregation!

On this date, after worship, we will present the LCEF and exploratory team findings and ask for your approval to move to

the next phase of our work. *This next phase is to form an Advisory Committee of business, education and administrative leaders.*

OUR REQUEST OF YOU

To prayerfully review the two documents, note any unanswered questions and send these questions in advance of March 8 to Pastor Espinosa, Debbie Dannemeyer (President) and Mike Padilla (Head Elder).

Copies were sent via email to the congregation this past week.

2 sets of paper copies will be available in the office for your review as well.

You may also access a QR code 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*

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>
<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>
4th 2/22/2026	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Paul & Samuel Hines	John Church	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
1st 3/1/2026	Help Needed	Al Ibrahim, Barney Wright	Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.
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	Mark Kuntz	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

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