

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

**Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 9:30 am**

**Divine Service**

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**Mission:** *To foster the freedom and love we share in Christ to the community by nurturing faith in Him through tangible expressions of God's grace.*

**Vision:** *To share the Truth and Love of Christ to all ages, cultures, and backgrounds.*

**Service Offerings**

- Sunday Divine Service at 9:30 am
  - Fellowship in Café 10:30 am
  - Adult Bible Study at 11:00 am
- **Midweek Services** – Wednesday's at 7:00 PM

**Welcome to Saint Paul's**

We praise and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ as He comes to serve and bless us through His Word and Sacraments. We follow the ancient liturgy which draws from the Word of God to order and guide our worship. Its biblical structure has been used in the Christian Church before any denominations within Christianity existed. Our worship emphasizes order, beauty, and reverence. We also celebrate the Holy Eucharist and receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We are excited about what the Lord is doing at Saint Paul's, and it is our great joy to serve you!

**This is the Saving Gospel/The Good News:**

God sent His Son Jesus Christ to take your sin upon Himself and Jesus gave to you His perfect righteousness and holiness. In Christ, it is a fact, and it is reality that your sins are forgiven, covered by His blood. And because Christ defeated death, you too – as you trust in Him alone – have eternal life. This is the Good News. It is so powerful because the Holy Spirit works through it to create and sustain faith in our hearts to hold to our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel costs Jesus everything but costs us nothing. It is yours. It is God's GIFT to you. Hold to it and know that you ARE (present tense) saved from sin, death, and the power of the devil; that you are saved TO (present tense) the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation! That's the Christian, a forgiven sinner who lives for God and loves their neighbor. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Holy Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, **any who are not yet instructed**, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, **are asked first to speak to one of the pastors.**

### **Prayer Before Divine Service**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

+ In the Name of Jesus +

## Prelude

Savior of the Heathen, Come -- JS Bach

## Greeting

**P** I was glad when they said to me,

**C** "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

-Psalm 122:1

## Confession and Absolution

### *Stand*

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

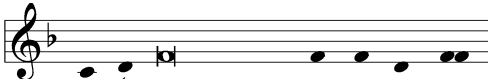
## Service of the Word

**Entrance Hymn:**

**516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**  
*(all stanzas)*

# Kyrie

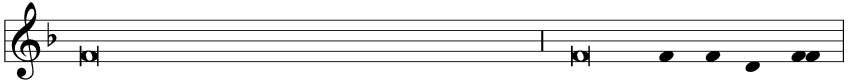
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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




**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



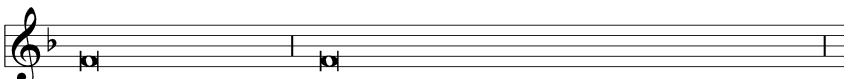
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



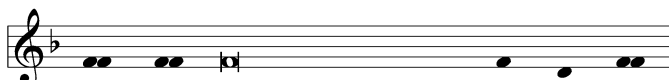
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



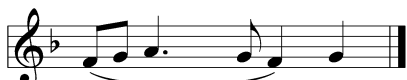
let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways  
 and that we may walk in his paths.”  
 For out of Zion shall go the law,  
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
 and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
 and their spears into pruning hooks;  
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
 neither shall they learn war anymore.

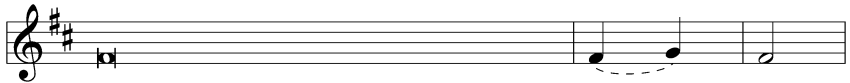
<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
 come, let us walk  
 in the light of the LORD.

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

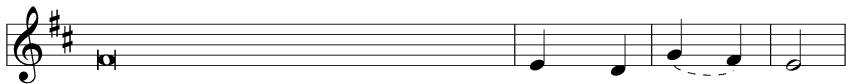
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Venite**

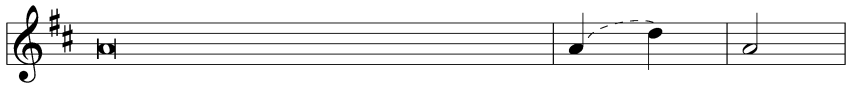
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**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,





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

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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



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

*Sit*

## Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day:**

**332 Savior of the Nations, Come**

*(all stanzas)*

## Sermon

"Christmas Kingdom" (Isaiah 2)

Proper 1: Watchfulness for Christ Coming

First Sunday in Advent

Pastor Espinosa

Introduction: Kingdoms Abound, but Only One Lasts

Part I: Kingdom Attributes

A. The King

- B. The People
- C. The Mind: (Christ's Kingdom epitomized by humility: Matthew 21; man's kingdoms marked by pride)
- D. The Life: (Christ's Kingdom epitomized by love: Romans 13; man's kingdoms marked by usefulness)

## Part II: Kingdom Distinctions

### A. Of Man:

1. Is 2:6-7 (occult and treasures)
2. Is 2:8 (idols and self-aggrandizement)
3. Is 2:17 (haughtiness and pride)

### B. Of God:

1. Is 2:2 (established)
2. Is 2:4 (war ceases)
3. Is 2:5 (walking in light)

My friend Deacon Fred Oloo.

He serves in the ELCK, full fellowship with us in the LCMS.

His passion: God's kingdom.

His life on earth is humble.

His disposition: joyful.

Just because we are in South County does not mean we love the world.

We continue to pray 2nd petition of the Lord's Prayer and understand it.

### **Isaiah 2:1-3**

#### **The Mountain of the Lord**

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all the nations shall flow to it, [3] and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

### **Isaiah 2:4-7**

[4] He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. [5] O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### **The Day of the Lord**

[6] For you have rejected your people, the house of Jacob, because they are full of things from the east and of fortune-tellers like the Philistines, and they strike hands with the children of foreigners. [7] Their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots.

### **Isaiah 2:8-22**

[8] Their land is filled with idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made. [9] So man is humbled, and each one is brought low— do not forgive them! [10] Enter into the rock and hide in the dust from before the terror of the Lord, and from the splendor of his majesty. [11] The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled, and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. [12] For the Lord of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low; [13] against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Bashan; [14] against all the lofty mountains, and against all the uplifted hills; [15] against every high tower, and against every fortified wall; [16] against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the beautiful craft. [17] And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the lofty pride of men shall be brought low, and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. [18] And the idols shall utterly pass away. [19] And people shall enter the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground, from before the terror of the Lord, and from the

splendor of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth. [20] In that day mankind will cast away their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, to the moles and to the bats, (21) to enter the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs, from before the terror of the Lord, and from the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth. [22] Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he?

*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 the peace from above, that our Lord's advent might kindle in us a love for His name, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** That the church would be preserved against all her enemies; and that we, as God's people, would walk in His ways and one day welcome with glad hosannas Jesus in His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For Christian homes, that God would defend the single, husbands and wives, and all children from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, clothing them instead with the armor of light, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For our president, governor and all in temporal authority, that godly wisdom would guide policy and lead nations into the way of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For those in great need, those afflicted with physical and mental ills, those whose hearts are touched by grief, and those in their last days on earth, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For unity amongst God's people, that we may confess with one voice the truth of the Word and live together in love and anticipation for that day when Christ shall return in triumph and we will enter with all the saints into the marriage feast of the Lamb without end; and that we would here discern the body and blood of Christ in this holy meal, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank, bless and praise You forever that You have sent Your Son to reign over us poor sinners, who for our trespasses deserve rightly to remain in bondage to sin and Satan. You have given us a righteous and humble King who, through His death, has saved us from sin and eternal death. We implore You, enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and not be offended by His humble appearance or despised Word, but believe in Him and obtain eternal salvation; 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**

Prepare the Royal Highway -- Wicks

*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


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**P** The Lord be with you.



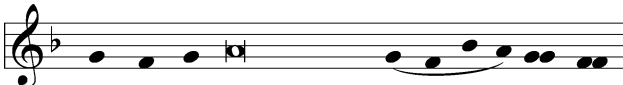
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to





**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymns:

**334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

*(all stanzas)*

**903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

*(all stanzas)*

**343 Prepare the Royal Highway**

*(all stanzas)*

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

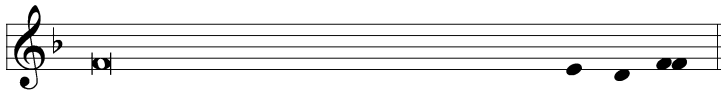
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



**C** A - men.

### Benediction

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

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

### Postlude

The King Shall Come -- Michael Burkhardt

#### Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

## Today:

### Bible Study at 11:00 AM

This Sunday Bible Study will continue on *Contending for Christ Through the Creed*: **“Contending for the Faith According to the Second Article of the Creed.”** This week, we will explore **Chapter 7 “Contending For Jesus, The Death Of DEATH.”**

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

— *Pastor Espinosa*

## Coming Up

### Congregational Meeting December 14 - following worship

The topics for this meeting are:

1. Nominations for Synodical President and Regional Vice President
2. Results of last August’s worship survey
3. Amplify software update
4. Financial report

Thank you for your attention to church business and your commitment to engaging with the congregation. We look forward to our meeting scheduled for December 14.

Your Sister-in-Christ, serving Saint Paul’s—Debbie Dannemeyer

### Service Dates to Know

As we enter this joyful season of thanksgiving and anticipation, we invite you to join us for these special services as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ:

#### ✦ Advent Midweek Series: *Our Advent God*

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

- **December 3 – *Promise Keeper*** (Jeremiah 33:14–16)
- **December 10 – *Immutable*** (Malachi 3:1–7b)
- **December 17 – *Rejoicing*** (Zephaniah 3:14–20)

#### ✦ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 PM

#### 🎄 Christmas Day Festival Service

Thursday, December 25 at 9:30 AM

## General Announcements

### Wednesday Night Bible Study Returns! January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study is returning on **Wednesday, January 7 at 7:15 p.m.** Due to our expanded ministries, we will be offering **one evening class only**. You are welcome to join **in person at the church office** or **online via TEAMS**. Pastor is currently gathering your votes for our next study topic! The options are: **Ecclesiastes, Ezekiel, or Galatians**. Please share your preference with him via email: [revdrespinosa@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:revdrespinosa@saintpaulsirvine.com)

### New Sunday Service Time — *In Addition to the 9:30 a.m. Service* **Abbreviated Divine Service**

Starting Sunday, **January 4 at 2:00 p.m.**, we will also be offering a weekly **abbreviated Divine Service**. This short afternoon service is another wonderful opportunity to gather around God's Word and receive His gifts.

We're excited to share that the new weekly service time will begin after the start of the new year! This service is in addition to our 9:30 a.m. Divine Service, which will continue as usual.

This new service will be led by **Pastor Espinosa** and will have a simple, warm format. We'll sing one hymn acappella together, and Pastor will offer communion. The service will last about **45 minutes** — a great option if you're looking for a quieter worship setting. All are warmly invited to join us.

### Special Presentation – Sunday, December 7th

We are pleased to announce a special presentation by one of our members, Catherine Velasquez, titled **"Ketogenic Therapy and Christian Anthropology: A Story of God's Deliverance."**

This is **not a Bible study**, but rather an inspiring testimony and a sharing of health insights. The presentation will take place **after Divine Service and Fellowship, around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 7th.**

Mark your calendars—we hope to see you there!

### The Bulletin Board

**Life Quote: November 30** "As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' first Advent, His birth in Bethlehem, we also look forward to the day of His return, His second Advent. On the Last Day, we will see Jesus returning in glory as King and Judge. The Good Shepherd will come again to gather His flock to Himself forever." *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### Weekly Stewardship Message:

November 30 – Advent 1 **Matthew 21:3** – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

## *Christmas Eve at St. Paul’s*



**Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 7:00 pm**

St. Paul’s Choir, Directed by Mark Howard

Jerry Dahlin, Organ and Piano

Rachel Okonski, Flute

Special Musical Offerings:

*An Advent Prelude for Flute and Organ*

by Charles Callahan

*Once in Royal David’s City*

Setting by Jeffrey Van

*He Whom Shepherds Once Came Praising*

*Quem Pastores*, arr. Carl Heine

*‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

*Huron Carol*

Setting by Robert A. Benson, edited by Mark Howard

*Peace Came to Earth*

Tune: Paul Manz, Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda

Arr: Nancy Raabe

Interested in singing in the choir?

Contact Mark Howard 714.423.6460


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


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

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

 **Need a boost of faith each day?**

 Catch daily devotionals on:

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

 Prefer devotionals by email?

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

### Circle of Friends

The most effective way for a church to grow in the Kingdom of God is to be faithful in the Word and Sacrament of Christ and to truly love people. One way to do that is to allow us to pray for those you know who need Christ and/or a church home. Please submit the names of family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others to us through our ministry called Circle of Friends.

Thank you! Pastor Espinosa.



*For those we care about to come to saving faith and have a church home. Have a friend who needs prayer or would like a meeting with pastor? Use this QR code to let us know!*



### **Worship Attendance for Members & Guests**

Scan the QR code or use the iPads at the Welcome Table to sign in. **Guests**, please sign the guestbook at the entrance.

**Offerings:** Collected during the worship service. All contributions are voluntary.

### **Requesting Announcements**



To request an announcement for the congregation or community, submit your request via the QR code or this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Hsgrm6zAup>.  
Choose where you want it published: bulletin, email, website, livestream, etc.

### Opportunities to Volunteer & Serve

We're always looking for ways to share our gifts and serve both our congregation and the wider community. Volunteering is a wonderful way to get involved—and for students, it can also be a great way to fulfill required service hours. If you are interested in volunteering with any of our current opportunities—or if you have new ideas for how we can serve together—please contact the church office at [office@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:office@saintpaulsirvine.com).

### Please Pray for our Missionaries, Council Members & Elders

#### Missionaries Supported by Saint Paul's

*(Financial gifts given annually to the national synod)*

Missionary	Location
Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad <i>Please send mail through the LCMS directly.</i>	Dominican Republic
Erin Mackenzie Email: <a href="mailto:erin.mackenzie@lcms.org">erin.mackenzie@lcms.org</a>	Latin America & Caribbean
Britt Odemba Email: <a href="mailto:britt.odemba@lcms.org">britt.odemba@lcms.org</a>	Kenya
Rev. Dr. Tom Park Email: <a href="mailto:tom.park@lcms.org">tom.park@lcms.org</a>	Taiwan

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

Missionary	Role	Location
Tirzah Krey Email: <a href="mailto:tirzah.krey@lcms.org">tirzah.krey@lcms.org</a>	Regional Human Care Coordinator	Latin America & Caribbean

*If you are interested in mailing a letter or giving a donation directly to our missionaries, please send mail directly to the LCMS with the specific Missionaries name in the attention line:*

#### **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

*ATTN: (enter missionaries name here)*

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

**Saint Paul's Parish Council Members**

**Debbie Dannemeyer** – President ~ **Matt Bures** – Recording Secretary ~ **Ken**

**Mott** – Treasurer

**Laura Miller** – Financial Secretary ~ **Jon Rutherford** – Trustee Director ~ **Ali Frank** – Stewardship Director  
**Mike Padilla** – Presiding Elder ~ **Renee Mott** – Fellowship Director ~ **Bradley Hustad** – Evangelism Director  
**Jacob Thornblad** – Education Director ~ *vacant* – Youth Director  
**Saint Paul’s Elders**  
**Mike Padilla** (Presiding Elder) ~ **Bruce Dannemeyer** ~ **Bryan Kilduff** ~ **John Church** ~ **Jon Steele** ~ **Karl Blanke** ~ **Mark Kuntz** ~ **Steve Fischer**  
~ **Ricky Cuenca** ~ **Alex Padilla** ~ **Michael Lange**

### SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Team</u>	<u>Ushers/ Greeter</u>	<u>Elders on Duty</u>	<u>Welcome Table</u>	<u>Livestream</u>
<i>Service Team Chairs</i>	<i>Shared Role</i>	<i>Mike Padilla</i>	<i>Mike Padilla</i>	<i>Kiu Geisler</i>	<i>Jon Steele</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11/30/2025	<i>Help needed</i>	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Mike Padilla	Cindy Kilduff	Jim J.
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 12/7/2025	Nina Mueller	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Alex Padilla	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12/14/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Lange	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 12/21/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank, Ed Miller	Mark Kuntz	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 12/28/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	<i>Help needed</i>	John Church	Anne Wright	Jon Steele

### **FELLOWSHIP ROTATION**

5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11/30/2025	Jackie Johnson, Julie Stiegemeyer
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 12/7/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12/14/2025	Renee Mott, Ann Ashmon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 12/21/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 12/28/2025	Daisy Minter, Anne Marie Hines