

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025 – 9:30 am

Divine Service

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

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

Vicar: Miles Johnson

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Special Music: Saint Paul's Choir

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Mission

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

Vision

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

Service Offerings

- Sunday Divine Service at 9:30 am
 - Fellowship in Café 10:30 am
 - Adult Bible Study at 11:00 am

Welcome to Saint Paul's

We praise and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ as He comes to serve and bless us through His Word and Sacraments. We follow the ancient liturgy which draws from the Word of God to order and guide our worship. Its biblical structure has been used in the Christian Church before any denominations within Christianity existed. Our worship emphasizes order, beauty, and reverence. We also celebrate the Holy Eucharist and receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the

forgiveness of sins. We are excited about what the Lord is doing at Saint Paul's, and it is our great joy to serve you!

This is the Saving Gospel/The Good News:

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

The Lord's Supper

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

Prayer Before Divine Service

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

+ In the Name of Jesus +

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress -- Dieterich Buxtehude

Greeting

P The LORD of hosts is with us;

G **The God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah**

- Psalm 46:7

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.

G **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

G **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.

G **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 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.

G **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn:

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(all stanzas)

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem ***We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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



☐ These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

☐ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

☐ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Christ Alone the World's Redeemer

Christ a - lone the world's re - deem - er, Christ, God's own be -
Word a - lone, breathed by the Spi - rit, word re - veal - ing -
Grace a - lone, and not our work - ing, brings sal - va - tion -
got - ten Son, Christ, the sac - ri - fice for sin - ners, by His -
Christ our Lord, liv - ing, ac - tive voice of Je - sus, Shar - per -
un - to all. Grace a - lone! Your gifts You give us as we -
death sal - va - tion won. Christ a - lone our me - di - a - tor,
than a two - edged sword. Word to teach and to ad - mon - ish,
hear Your gen - tle call. Un - im - a - gined love, ex - chang - ing
Christ a - lone our great High Priest, in His righ - teous -
word to com - fort and to heal. God's own Word en -
all our sin for righ - teous - ness. Grace on grace through
ness, He clothes us. Christ a - lone is our true peace.
dures for - ev - er all His coun - sel to re - veal.
Christ re - ceiv - ing, Clothed in His own ho - li - ness.

Faith alone, gift of the Spirit,
Can God's gracious gift receive.
Not by human works or effort,
God is calling to believe.
Faith is living, busy, active,
Ever seeking ways to care,
In the least, the lost, the needy,
Seeking Jesus everywhere.

Unto God be praise and glory.
To the Father, and the Son,
And to God the Holy Spirit,
Glory to the Three in One.
Hymned by saints on earth and heaven,
And by angels at His throne.
All creation joins to praise Him.
Glory be to God alone!

Sermon

True Freedom
(John 8:31-36)
Pastor Mueller

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we would be built up in Christ and hold the faith in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace; and for reproof when we are in error, that what is lacking in us would be reformed and that we would grow up into Christ, our head, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithful hearts, that we would remain steadfast in the Word of God and never follow false gospels that lead us away from His truth; and for pastors who will preach with purity, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all parents, that our heavenly Father would give them wisdom and fortitude; that He would make them faithful in teaching His Word to the children entrusted to their care; and that all little ones would come to know their heavenly Father and live as true children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For calm hearts that know God and trust Him to remain in control, even when the nations are in uproar and kingdoms fall, and that look to Him to guide all who govern us so that evil is thwarted, righteousness rewarded and all His ways are upheld, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the joyful and those in any need, [*especially* _____,] that they may be preserved in God's promises and brought safely through this world to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who approach the altar this day, that our Father would give us repentant hearts and firm faith in the Savior's promises; and that He would graciously prevent us from partaking to our judgment, but grant us reverently and joyfully to receive Christ's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, we give You thanks for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in the faith, and bring us at last to our heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face; 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

Choir Anthem ***The King of Love***

+Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

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

LSB 208



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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

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.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

G 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:

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

(all stanzas)

644 The Church's One Foundation

(all stanzas)

744 Amazing Grace

(all stanzas)

825 Rise, Shine, You People

(all stanzas)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



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



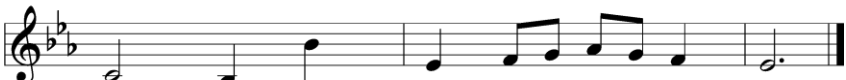
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



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

LSB 212

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 ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Choral Blessing..... ***Go, My Children, With My Blessing***

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Special Note from Pastor Espinosa:

Dear Saint Paul's Family,

I will be on medical leave caring for Traci for about the next month before my scheduled **return to the pulpit on Sunday, November 9th**. I plan on continuing "the one thing needful" in respect to the daily devotions to stay connected to you through the Word of Christ while I am away.

However, **I am avoiding "work" during this time in order to give my attention to my wife**. Please remember that **Rev. Darrin Sheek** — the pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Anaheim and who lives in Mission Viejo — **is on call to cover all pastoral emergencies**. He is a man of compassion and faithfulness to the Word. His number again is **714-370-7198**. The work of the church will continue with Pastor Mueller, Vicar Johnson, our music leaders, our admin, our very dedicated elders and parish council, and all our wonderful volunteers.

Once again, thank you for your prayers for Traci and me.

Today:

Bible Study at 11:00 AM

While Pastor Al is away, please join us after Divine Service and fellowship for a Bible study led by Michael Lange.

The study will continue each Sunday until Pastor Al's return.
Come enjoy learning and growing together in God's Word!

Pastor Appreciation Month — Final Sunday to Collect Cards!

Thank you to everyone who has shared notes of encouragement and love throughout October! This Sunday is the **final day** to drop off your cards and show your support.

Cards are available for:

- Pastor Al and Traci
- Pastor Mueller and Nina

Please place your completed cards in the collection box on the Welcome Table. Your words of appreciation have meant so much—thank you for helping us celebrate our pastors and the faithful ways they serve our congregation!

This Week:

Submit Names by Wednesday, October 29 – All Saints' Day Next Week!

All Saints' Day is a time to remember with thanksgiving those who now rest with the Lord. During our service on Sunday, **November 2**, we will ring a bell and read the names of loved ones who have entered eternal rest.

If you would like someone remembered, please email Jackie at **office@saintpaulsirvine.com** with their name and, if you wish, your relationship or brief details. Written submissions may also be left on Jackie's desk—please call to let her know.

Walk for Hope – Join the Saint Paul's Team!


Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine is walking in the **City of Hope Walk for Hope** on **NEXT Sunday, November 2, 2025**. Site Opens: 7:00 AM | Walk Begins: 9:30 AM **City of Hope Orange County | 1000 Fivepoint, Irvine, CA 92618**


Our team goal is **\$10,000**, and as of October 24 we've already raised **\$6,880.10** with **17** walkers signed up!

We walk because cancer has touched our congregation — with three members currently receiving care at City of Hope and many others impacted in the past. Every step and every gift fuels research, compassionate care, and hope for the future. **Scan here to donate or join our team!**



How you can help:

 **Pray** – Keep our team, loved ones, and City of Hope in your prayers.

 **Donate** – Give online, by check using the donation form, or through Thrivent Charitable!

 **Join the Walk** – Lace up and walk with us in Irvine.

Donate Online or Join the Team:

<https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/team/766721>

Thrivent Charitable Instructions:


- **Login** to your Thrivent Charitable account.
- **Select** Recommend Grant.
- **Search Available Grantees:** City of Hope in California
- **Select:** City of Hope, 1500 Duarte Rd Duarte, CA 91010; Tax ID: 95-3435919
- **Change Grant Purpose** to “Run/Walk or similar fundraiser”
Type in Give fundraising credit to: “Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church of Irvine team” (Optional: You can also add the name of an individual you want to give to who is one the team)

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


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

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

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

 Catch daily devotionals on:

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

 Prefer devotionals by email?

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

General Announcements

Special Music at St. Paul's

Join us for upcoming services featuring St. Paul's Choir, directed by Mark Howard. *"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."*

– Martin Luther

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

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

Come and be blessed by these special worship services!

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

The Bulletin Board

Life Quote: October 26 "We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things." *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Stewardship Message: October 26

Reformation Day (*observed*) **Revelation 14:6** – **"Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people."** During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the "apostle of works." Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

Upcoming Service Dates to Know:

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

- **Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

Circle of Friends

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

Thank you! Pastor Espinosa.

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



Worship Attendance for Members & Guests

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

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



Requesting Announcements

To request an announcement for the congregation or community, submit your request via the QR code or this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Hsgrm6zAup>.

Choose where you want it published: bulletin, email, website, livestream, etc.

Upcoming Choir Schedule – Christmas 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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: erin.mackenzie@lcms.org	Latin America & Caribbean
Britt Odemba Email: britt.odemba@lcms.org	Kenya
Rev. Dr. Tom Park Email: tom.park@lcms.org	Taiwan

Missionary Friends *(Non-Financial Support)*

Missionary	Role	Location
Tirzah Krey Email: tirzah.krey@lcms.org	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)

P.O. Box 66861

St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

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 Directors

Saint Paul's Elders

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

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

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

SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Team	Ushers/Greeter	Elders on Duty	Welcome Table	Livestream
<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 Sunday 10/26/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	John Church	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
1st Sunday 11/2/2025	Nina Mueller	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.
2nd Sunday 11/9/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell , Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Padilla	Cindy Kilduff	Jim J.
3rd Sunday 11/16/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

4th Sunday 10/26/2025	Johnsons, Daisy Minter
1st Sunday 11/2/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard
2nd Sunday 11/9/2025	Renee Mott, Ann Ashmon
3rd Sunday 11/16/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer