

Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, October 12, 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

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

Fairest Lord Jesus/As the Deer -- Anna Laura Page

Greeting

P Great are the works of the LORD,

C studied by all who delight in them.

- Psalm 111:2

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:

846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

(all stanzas)

Kyrie

LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



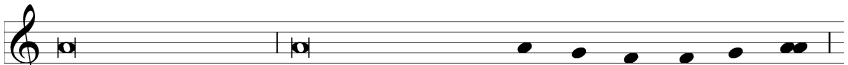
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



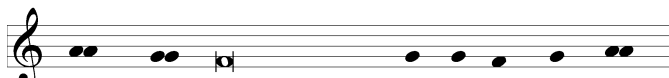
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



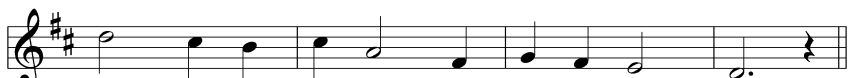
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 10



P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

C **Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

C **He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.**

P He provides food for those who | fear him,*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

C **He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.**

P The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

C **they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.**

P He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
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Epistle

2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia and Verse, with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, also with lyrics underneath. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for congregational singing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). It contains the melody for the Holy Gospel, with lyrics underneath. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for congregational singing.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a

distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

855 For All the Faithful Women

(sts. 1, 7, 3-4)

Sermon

“Your God My God”

(Ruth 1:8-17)

Proper 23C: Radical Faith (Enduring Loyalty and Love) & Redefining
Community

Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa

The Text:

⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against

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In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

The relationship between Naomi and Ruth in the Old Testament book of Ruth was not (obviously) marriage, nor was it about joining the Church (though it certainly moves in this direction, but is probably something Ruth had already experienced through faith), but we learn in Ruth how commitment and loyalty in marriage and membership in the Church should be. This book and how we may benefit from it is fantastic.

Let us begin to get a sense of the magnitude of the commitment expressed by Ruth by first considering the marriage vows:

I, [insert name], take you, [insert name], to be my wedded [state wife or husband], to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God’s holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness.”
(*Lutheran Service Book Agenda*, 68)

Ruth’s commitment is reminiscent of the marriage vows. But Ruth’s vow included these words at Ruth chapter 1, verse 17: “Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried.” This is phenomenal loyalty on the part of Ruth which God Himself assuredly generated in her, because in the case of her pledge to Naomi, not even death would separate her from Naomi: she would be buried in the same plot as her mother-in-law. That is how close they had become. That is how much Ruth loved Naomi.

Furthermore, consider the rite of holy confirmation: these are the last two questions in the rite:

1. 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?

2. Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Why do we confirm our baptism into Christ this way? Because Jesus said at Matthew 10:32: “So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.” There are times to make vows, and it is appropriate when it comes to our commitment to Christ and His Church. Thus, what Ruth said is reminiscent of our holy commitments to God as members of the Body of Christ. Did she know a thing or two about enduring loyalty? She could have authored a book.

Ruth is one of the reasons why if anyone tells you that the Christian faith looks down upon women (that is teaches misogyny), please be assured that that person has not studied the Word of God. Ruth was written about one thousand years before Jesus was born. We don’t know who wrote it and we aren’t even sure what the name “Ruth” means, but we have an idea of the meaning of her name which is in the wheelhouse of “companion” or “friend.” Which words are of course extraordinarily appropriate for God’s radiating light which shone through Ruth, and whose testimony inspires to this day, three thousand years after she spoke of her loyalty.

In fact, Ruth might demonstrate the most powerful example of dedication recorded in Scripture under Christ Himself. For example, we appropriately make much to do about Abraham leaving his father’s land to go to the land of promise, but Abraham had a direct call from God. Ruth had no such call, but she would simply not leave Naomi, her mother-in-law.

“Ruth’s confession of faith and commitment (1:16-17) has been praised as ‘one of the most beautiful confessions of love in all literature, unique for its touching simplicity as well as its poignant sincerity,’ ‘the noblest expression of friendship,’ ‘a classic expression of faithfulness,’ and ‘the most moving declaration of loyalty in the Bible.’ In effect, she declared: ‘May a fatal judgment strike me if I am not true to this vow!’ Yet, its keystone is her confession of faith, which the LORD had worked in her, for the LORD God himself is the true ground of the love she both experienced and learned to demonstrate (see Deut 5:6, 10; 6:4-5; 1 Jn 4:19). Her conversion rectified the error of Mahlon [her deceased husband who was an Israelite that married a Moabite in Ruth who at the time was] an unbeliever.” (Wilch, *Concordia Commentary: Ruth*, 169)

Moreover, Ruth's expressed devotion followed after her mother-in-law Naomi tried to dissuade Ruth from remaining with her **three times**:

Naomi's **First** Attempt to Convince Ruth to leave her: Naomi told both Ruth and her other daughter-in-law that she (Naomi) had no other sons to give them that they might marry again (and even if she could still bear sons, they would be too young for the women). (verses 11-13)

Naomi's **Second** Attempt to Convince Ruth to leave her: Naomi again told both her daughter's-in-law that her (Naomi's) life had turned "exceedingly bitter" and that "the hand of the LORD [had] gone out against [her]." (verse 13)

The first two dissuasions worked in respect to Naomi's daughter-in-law Orpah. And at verse 15 Naomi pointed out to Ruth that Orpah "[had] gone back" from her life with Naomi (which represented once being connected to the LORD through faithful Naomi), and turned back to her old life associated with the false gods of Moab and would have easily reverted to the false god Chemosh, a god among many gods (which is no god), but nevertheless revered as a god of war and the god that provided for all aspects of daily life. It is alluring to go back to what is simply familiar, and too often this is a fateful compromise.

But even after these first two attempts to convince her daughters-in-law to leave her (Naomi), Ruth hadn't gone anywhere. So, Naomi tried to dissuade Ruth a third time:

Naomi's **Third** Attempt to Convince Ruth to leave her: Naomi said to Ruth, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." In other words, this third attempt was powerful: Look, your sister-in-law has already gone back! Talk about peer pressure. But, no way, no how, Ruth wasn't leaving.

Naomi said in paraphrase if you will, "Leave me dear daughter-in-law, I have no family to give you. And if you remain with me, you will bind yourself to someone who is appointed to suffer bitterness because the very hand of God is against me [that is how Naomi felt anyhow], and after all, Ruth, see your sister-in-law is smart, she has already left. Go back, go from me. Live your life and don't stay with me and my misery.

I don't want to push foreshadowing here, but the scene reminds me of St. Peter with Jesus. St. Peter tried to push Jesus away. He tried to tell Jesus to

go back from him, to leave him, to go away from him. “[Peter] fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O LORD.’” (Luke 5:8)

It seems insane. Jesus is the Savior, but in our sin, we try to convince ourselves that He should not be anywhere near us. “I’ve gone too far, I’m too far gone, I can’t be helped, away from me Jesus, draw back, go back, don’t stay here.”

The discussion comes up on a regular basis in teaching and counsel. Can a person fall from grace, and if they did, what would that look like? It looks like this: once upon a time in living their faith, they followed Christ – and that of course is exactly what a disciple does – where Jesus led, they followed. But what happens when a person turns away from Christ to go their own way, to be their own god and to go back to Moab the home of the many gods that are no gods, the home of turning away from the True God? Then, what do we do with this predicament?

Then we explain **what God does** when He makes a promise to you. And when did God make His promise to You to never leave you dear Christian? It was on the day you were baptized. On that day, He put a seal on you, the seal of the Spirit. You’ve been sealed. So, what happens if one turns away and goes back to the land of sin? Then the Jesus we once followed, turns around to follow us. He follows you in your weakest moments, even and perhaps especially when you feel your faith is gone. He is there. He won’t leave. He waits for you to turn back around to Him and when you do, **He will embrace you again.**

What does Jesus do? He keeps His promise to sinners who waver, who undulate, and who even turn away sometimes. We do not preach this to say that you should turn away. In fact, even the prospect should make us shudder. But on the other hand, know this that when life seems like God is against you and you find yourself turning back: like Ruth, He won’t leave you. So, let us turn back Him dear Christians, every, single day. He is there. He is here.

So, Naomi could not shake Ruth. Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where

you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

Again, Ruth is not about marriage until later in the book when a true allusion to Christ comes into the picture through Boaz the kinsman-redeemer who marries Ruth, but even at this early part of the book, the words of Ruth teach us about enduring loyalty.

How do I feel about going into the hospital with my wife Traci for the next month? Well, let’s see, how do I feel about giving just a little bit back to this amazing woman who went from Colorado to Indiana with me, and then Indiana to Los Angeles in a parsonage in South Central with bars on every door and window, and then from Los Angeles back to Indiana, and then to Riverside and then back to Indiana, then onto Covina, California (though first moving to Glendora before moving to our home in Covina), and then onto Aliso Viejo and then onto The Woodlands outside of Houston, TX, to Lake Forest, who has held me when I’ve been at my weakest, who has encouraged me more than anyone in my life, and who has believed in what I’m truly capable of doing. This one has shown my children a mother’s love and has been a haven for my grandchildren. This one who calmed me before my doctoral defense in England, who covered the children while I was in New Jersey for Army chaplain school, who has made our house a beautiful home, who can cause me to salivate by her cooking, who has traveled so much with me that I’ve learned that home is where she is, and whose loyalty has only inspired me over the years. My haircut is a tribute to her. She will lose her hair, but not her enduring beauty. Nothing will touch that. Traci is my Ruth.

But Ruth gives us the grounds for such loyalty that goes way beyond any human sentiment. For her to say, “Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.” (verse 16c) She was saying, “I will be a true Israelite. I will stay with the Church. I will stay with the One and Only True God.” She was saying, “I am staying with you my mother-in-law because you represent the Messiah. Your people are the chosen people of God, and your God saves sinners as I am one.”

Ruth though a Moabite, was a true Israelite through faith in the Living God. But the world says, “Don’t do that!” “If you do that then you will tie yourself to the suffering Church, the unimpressive Church; you will bind yourself to the suffering Christ, and the much renounced and reduced Christ. If you do that you will enter bitterness and you will wonder how a child of God can

sometimes feel that God’s hand is against them. Don’t do that Christian. Turn back (Satan says), turn around (says the world), do not follow God (says sin). Don’t do it.” And Ruth said to these, “get behind me.” “I will stay with Naomi and not even death will separate us, because I will be buried where she will be buried, her people – her holy nation, the chosen people of God will be my people – and the LORD God Almighty, the Savior of the world, will be my God.”

And history records Ruth as one of the greatest Israelites. When St. Matthew records the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham, that genealogy includes at Matthew chapter 1: “and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.” (verses 5-6a) That is, Ruth was one of the great grandmothers of the Savior of the world!

What drove her loyalty was knowing the LORD. “Ruth made this sacrifice for Naomi primarily because she preferred a precarious life in the community of Israel’s God to a secure life in that of Moab’s gods.” (Wilch, 171) This is reminiscent of what the Scriptures say of Moses: “By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.” (Hebrews 11:24-26)

This was also true for Ruth. She too considered the reproach of Christ greater than the treasures of Moab or anywhere else in the world. She entered Naomi’s cross on account of Messiah who would go to the cross for her.

And that Savior of course, your Savior is the greatest Ruth. Ruth’s words could just as well be Christ’s: “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.” We see our desperate sin, and our impulse is to tell Jesus to turn back, go the other way. How could God love me this way? But He won’t go, but says, “I won’t leave you.” So, He also says, “Don’t urge me to return from following you. Yes, I call you to follow Me, but I also promise, ‘And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:20) He also says to you and me, “your people will be my people,” in that He makes His people – all the people who are His Holy Bride the Church – our people because He incorporates us into

Himself; He joins Himself to you, and He has married You and He is faithful to His vow. Furthermore, He says, “and your God my God. My Father in heaven shall be your God, the True God, the one to whom you pray, ‘Our Father who art in heaven.’ This I do for you, because I love you; because I am loyal to you; because I have formed a new family, a new community and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18) Not even the devil nor death can take you out of my hand.”

The world asks the question, “Who can you trust? Who will stay with you in this world?” The answer is your Ruth will; your Christ has, is, and will forever.

Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “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 and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in 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 Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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 by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await 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.**

The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:

P The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

The new members return to their places.

Apostles' Creed

C **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.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For a thankful heart, that we may not forget the Lord's kindness nor presume His mercy; for a giving spirit, that we may be preserved from selfishness and jealousy; and for a new and contrite heart, that we may love God above all and love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the pastors who speak to us in God's name and administer His Sacraments to us; for those preparing for this ministry; for those who are considering church-work vocations; and for the seminaries, colleges, universities and schools where our church workers learn and are being formed for service to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For adult children who care for their parents, that God would sustain them in wisdom and compassion; and for their parents, that they might accept needed assistance with a humble spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are single and desire marriage, that God would be their companion in their solitude and provide them a godly spouse and family according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in authority, that God, who provides all that we need for this body and life, would maintain order through their efforts and give them wisdom, justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in need of help, [*especially* _____], that the Lord would hear their prayers and deliver them from all their troubles and fears, let us pray to the Lord:

G **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Holy Spirit and faith, that we may worthily receive the blessed food of Christ's flesh and blood in this Sacrament; and for true unity of faith, that all may be one in doctrine and life and that this unity would be manifest at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

G **Lord, have mercy.**

P All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.

G **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Andante Tranquillo -- Felix Mendelssohn

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176



G What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

+Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

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

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

preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

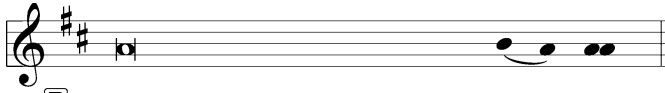
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

LSB 180



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



G Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

(all stanzas)

694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

(all stanzas)

684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

(all stanzas)

649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(all stanzas)

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

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

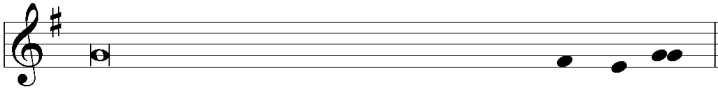
A Let us pray.

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

LSB 183



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.



Postlude

Recessional -- Frank Asper

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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:

Join us this Sunday at 11:00 AM!

Following Divine Service and a brief time of fellowship, Pastor Espinosa will lead us back into Bible study.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you have not yet received a free copy of Pastor's latest book, *Contending for Christ Through the Creed: Apologetics for Loving Answers on the Christian Faith* (which we are using in this study), please email Jackie at office@saintpaulsirvine.com and she will get one to you.

This week we will be covering **Chapter 4: "Contending for the Creator" and the moral argument for the existence of God.**

Pastor will teach how creation's design and morality demonstrate the existence of God.

Come be encouraged and equipped as we grow together in God's Word!

Thank You for Kicking Off Pastor Appreciation Month — and Keep the Cards Coming!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make our Pastor Appreciation Month Kick-Off such a joyful celebration! We're so grateful to all who brought food, shared in fellowship, and helped us honor our beloved pastors and their families.

Please continue to show your appreciation throughout October by filling out a card or sharing a kind word. The same cards and collection box will remain on the Welcome Table all month long.

Cards are available for:

- **Pastor Al and Traci**
- **Pastor Mueller and Nina**

Your notes of encouragement and love mean so much—thank you for helping us celebrate our pastors and the faithful ways they serve our congregation!

This Week:

All Saints' Day – November 2

All Saints' Day is a time to remember with thanksgiving those who now rest with the Lord. During our service on Saturday, 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.

☀️ **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

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 **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 4th we've already raised **\$5,880** with **6** 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*)

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

- **Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025 – 9:30 am:**
Music by Michael Burkhardt, Paul Christiansen, and Ralph Vaughan Williams, with Jerry Dahlin (organ) and Bruce Benne (handbells).
- **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 12 “We care about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. We care about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion ... We care because Jesus cares for us. We love because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus—who died for us and took away all of our sin and guilt and shame—is risen and ascended to the Father’s throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY’S WON!” *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Stewardship Message: October 12 – Proper 23 **Luke 17:19 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’”** Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be

freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the church is likewise our faith in action.

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 – Fall & Christmas 2025

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

- **Sunday, Oct. 12** – Rehearsal at **8:30 am** in the café area
- **Sunday, Oct. 19** – Rehearsal at **8:30 am** in the café area
- **Sunday, Oct. 26** – Rehearsal at **8:30 am**, sing for service at **9:30 am**
- **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

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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>
2nd Sunday 10/12/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Lange	Cindy Kilduff	Jim J.
3rd Sunday 10/19/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele
4th Sunday 10/26/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
1st Sunday 11/2/2025	Nina Mueller	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

2nd Sunday 10/12/2025	Renee Mott, Ann Ashmon
3rd Sunday 10/19/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4th Sunday 10/26/2025	Johnsons, Daisy Minter
1st Sunday 10/5/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard