

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

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 20, 2025 – 9:30 am

Divine Service

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

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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 on summer hiatus.
- Wednesday Bible Studies on summer hiatus.

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

Beautiful Savior -- David Cherwien

Greeting

P One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

C to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

- Psalm 27:4

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

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

C Amen.

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

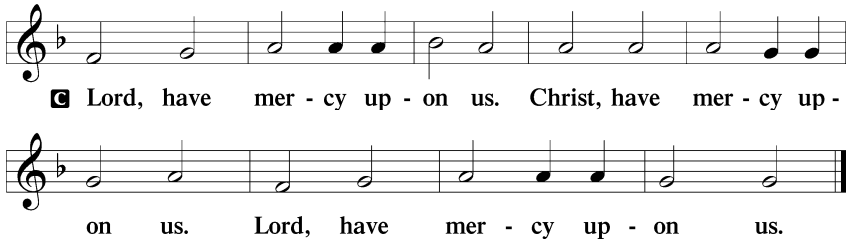
Stand

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear
(all stanzas)

Kyrie

LSB 186



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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27; antiphon: v. 7



C ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

⁸You have said, | “Seek my face.”*
My heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”

⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in | anger,*
O you who have been my help.

**Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my sal- | vation!**

**¹⁰For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*
but the LORD will | take me in.**

**¹¹Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
and lead me on a level path
because of my | enemies.**

**¹²Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out | violence.**

**¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD*
in the land of the | living!**

**¹⁴Wait | for the LORD;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait | for the LORD!**

**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.**

**⁷Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!**

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God

chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190




C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day:

798 The God of Abraham Praise

(stanzas 1-4)

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



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

Sit

Offering:

Verset-Chorale -- Th Dubois

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all the saints here in Christ, that they may be presented to the Father as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all pastors and those studying to be pastors, all deaconesses, missionaries, translators, teachers and those who work to bring God's Word to His people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the young people of the LCMS as they gather in New Orleans, that their eyes may be fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for them; that they may have hope and discipline to run their course after Christ; and that they may return safely to their homes, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who make, judge and administer our laws, that they may know the ways of the Lord and follow them for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, *[especially _____]* and those we name in our hearts, that they may rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ and know healing and grace according to God's will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who join in the Supper of Christ's body and blood this day, that they may treasure this precious gift as the good portion that is above all earthly things, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faith to follow the example of those beloved saints who labored among us and now rest from their labors, that we, too, may seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

+Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



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



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



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

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

Pax Domini

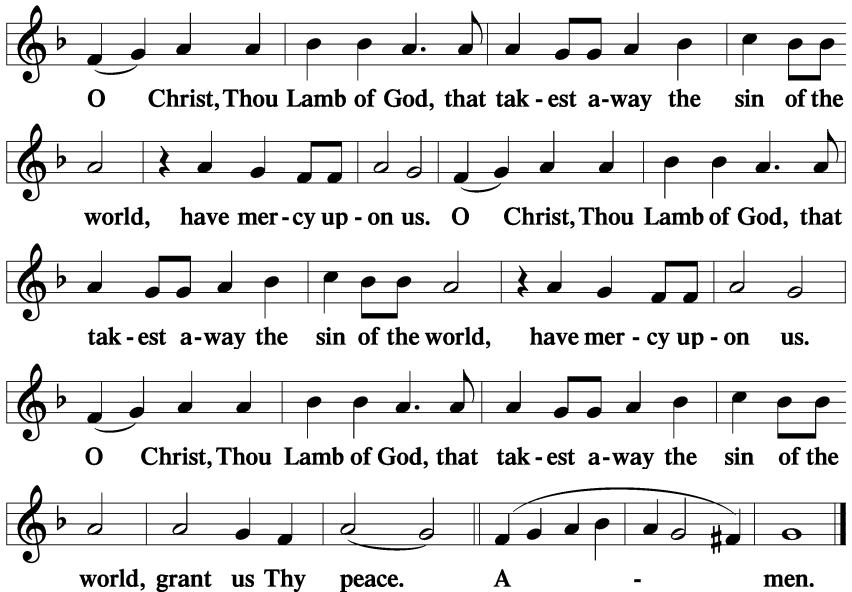
LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

855 For All the Faithful Women

(stanzas 1, 9, 3, 4)

589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

(all stanzas)

763 When Peace, like a River

(all stanzas)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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



Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Postlude:

Choral Song -- Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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Today:

Congregational Voter's Meeting – Today!

When: Today after fellowship at 11:00 AM

Where: In the classroom next to the sanctuary (where we usually have Bible Study)

We'd love for you to join us for today's Congregational Voter's Meeting! We'll be gathering right after fellowship to vote on our 2025–2026 Church Council Officers. Your voice matters, and we're grateful for your participation!

Here's what's on the agenda:

- **President:** Debbie Dannemeyer
- **Head Elder:** TBD
- **Financial Secretary:** Laura Miller
- **Treasurer:** Ken Mott
- **Youth:** *Open* (interested? Email office@saintpaulsirvine.com)
- **Evangelism:** Brad Hustad
- **Stewardship:** Ali Frank
- **Fellowship:** Renee Mott
- **Director of Education:** Jacob Thornblad
- **Trustee:** Jon Rutherford
- **Secretary:** Matt Bures

■ *While you're there, don't forget to stop by the binder to update your contact info—just to make sure we have the most accurate way to stay in touch!*

Thanks again for being part of this important time in the life of our church. See you there!

—Debbie Dannemeyer
Congregational President

Giving Made Easy – Try Our New Online Giving Platform!

We've made it fast and easy to support the ministry at Saint Paul's through our new online giving system with Amplify. This secure platform allows you to set up one-time or recurring donations, all from your phone or computer.

You can even choose to give directly to causes close to your heart—like helping send our high school youth to *Higher Things* or supporting *Saint Paul's Family Bible Camp*.

Give today by scanning the QR code or visiting:



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Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Week:



Family Bible Camp Starts Tomorrow!

July 21–25 | Irvine Regional Park | Party Pavilion D

We are so excited to welcome you to *Saint Paul's Family Bible Camp* — launching tomorrow morning at beautiful Irvine Regional Park! If you haven't registered yet — **no worries at all! Just come!** We'll have printed forms ready onsite and would love to see you there.

We know this year will feel a little different without our traditional Espinosa crew leading the way, but we are incredibly blessed by a joyful, faith-filled group of volunteers. And we know the very best thing we can do for Pastor and Traci right now is to praise God together with all His little children.

Come join us as we gather daily for **devotions, music, puppet shows, crafts, games, and Christ-centered fun** — all centered around this year's theme from John 10:11–18:
"I am the Good Shepherd."



This is a week for the whole family — kids, parents, grandparents, and siblings are all welcome. Let's show our children what it looks like to live as the Church, together.

Need more info or want to donate?



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Questions? Call/text Jackie at 714-421-8389 or email office@saintpaulsirvine.com

We can't wait to see you there!

General Announcements

Pastoral Coverage Update

Pastor Espinosa will be unavailable for the next few weeks. Through Wednesday, July 24, any pastoral emergencies can be directed to Rev.

Robert Dargatz at 714-474-3444.

After July 24, please contact the church office at 949-599-4760, and we will coordinate pastoral care as needed.

Retreat Updates:

The **Women's Retreat** has been **postponed** — we are hoping to find a new date later this year and will keep you updated as plans develop.

The **Men's Retreat** is **not officially postponed**, but we are currently gauging interest. In order to move forward, we would need **30 men to sign up**. If you would plan to attend, please let us know by emailing office@saintpaulsirvine.com.

The current retreat dates are **September 19–21**.

Thank you for your input and support as we plan these special times of fellowship and renewal!

Sunday Bible Studies on Pause

Sunday Bible Studies will be on pause for the foreseeable future as we continue working on pastoral coverage. We'll keep you updated as soon as plans are in place for Bible study to resume. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

Wednesday Bible Study—Summer Break Begins!

We've officially closed the chapter on our journey through **Hebrews**, and what a season it's been! Thank you to everyone who joined us each week to grow, reflect, and rejoice in God's Word together. **No Wednesday Studies for the Summer!** That's right—we're taking a summer hiatus to rest, recharge, and prepare for the next season of study. Be on the lookout for fall kickoff details—we can't wait to gather again and open the Scriptures with you!

BUT WAIT—there's more happening this summer! Check out what's ahead:

Family Day Camp | July 21–25

Join us for a week of fun, faith, and fellowship at **Irvine Park**! Whether you want to participate or volunteer, connect with **Jackie or Miles Johnson** to get involved.

Higher Things Youth Conference | July 29–Aug 1

We're sending a group of young adults to **Calvin University** in Michigan to grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ. For details, chat with **Pastor Espinosa**.

 **Family Fellowship Potluck**
Sunday, July 27 | After Divine Service

Join us for a special time of fellowship as we wrap up Family Bible Camp with a **Fellowship Potluck** following Divine Service! Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and great company.

☀️ Camp participants will sing a special song during worship and receive a free gift to encourage their continued growth in God’s Word.

Want to bring a dish?

Please sign up in the café during fellowship!

For questions, email office@saintpaulsirvine.com or contact Jackie Johnson.

The Bulletin Board

Life Quote: July 20 “Sometimes the answer to a problem is as simple as asking for help. Let’s not hesitate to bring all our questions, troubles, and needs to the Lord. Thank Him for the people He provides for our help. Pray that He will give you the opportunity today to be His help to others.”
Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Weekly Stewardship Message: Luke 10:40b – “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?” Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn’t that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!

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/Hsgm6zAup>.

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

Daily Bible Devotionals – 2025

Join Pastor Espinosa in reading through the Holy Bible in 2025!

Follow along daily on:

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Thank you for serving our congregation!

Words of Evangelism: Ch. 8 – This is Personal

Welcome from your Evangelism Committee. Know brothers and sisters in Christ that God's Word is personal because it applies to all. We make it personal to others by declaring it to be for "you." God's wrath and judgment applies to all and all people should justly be terrified of it. But, the Gospel is the power of salvation for everyone who believes. (Rom 1:16) The Gospel, salvation through Jesus Christ, applies to all who will receive it. We convey this message to others by declaring it to be for them, by declaring it to be for "you."

St. Paul aptly shows us God's wrath applies to all. He writes, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men." All ungodliness and unrighteousness accounts for all sins. Whether they be sins of thought, word, and deed or sins willfully committed or sins committed in weakness, God's wrath is against all of them, every single one. If we are foolish enough to think that we are perfect and have no ungodliness and unrighteousness in us, Paul tells us straight up, "None is righteous, no not one." (Rom 3:10) Lest this not be enough, Paul continues, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23) All people have sinned. You have. I have. We all fall short and justly deserve God's wrath.

But, there is hope for us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Just as God's wrath applies to all, so too does his Gospel. For all who will receive it, for all who will trust in it and cleave to it, God promises eternal life. Through Christ's death and suffering, "we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Heb 10:10) Our God "has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Is 53:6) All people, regardless of race or ethnicity or gender, for all time in all places have had their sins paid for by the once for all sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus has taken your sins upon himself so that you may live, so that I may live, and so that all may live. It is truly "the power of salvation" for all people, "for everyone who believes." (Rom 1:16) God desires that all people hear this Word and Gospel because he "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4) Therefore us Christians should carry the message of God's saving grace through Christ to all the corners of the Earth.

But, what does it look like to declare the Gospel to be for you? Paul did it and risked his life to do it. Even while imprisoned, Paul spoke the Gospel. When a jailer asked how he might be saved, Paul told him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31) To the Romans, Paul said, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom 10:9) Paul declared to the jailer and to the Romans that Jesus was for him and for them, but it is also for your neighbors, all people in your life, and for "you." When sharing the Gospel with others, tell them it is for them. Tell them it is for "you."

Lord God Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you. We confess that all of us have committed all sorts of ungodliness and unrighteousness and deserve your wrath. But, for the sake of the once for all sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord, please forgive us. Remember

your promise that all people who believe in your Son will be saved. We know that you desire all people to be saved. So, inspire us, o Lord, to declare the Law and Gospel to all people in all places. Put the words into our mouth, o Lord, so that your Gospel becomes personal. In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.

Please Pray for our Missionaries, Council Members & Elders

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Missionary	Role	Location
Tirzah Krey Email: tirzah.krey@lcms.org	Regional Human Care Coordinator	Latin America & Caribbean

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Local Evangelism Support: Rev. Mark Jasa – Saint Paul's supports our local evangelist.

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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>Mei Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Kiu Geisler</i>	<i>Jon Steele</i>
3rd Sunday 7/20/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank and Ed Miller	Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Jon Steele
4th Sunday 7/27/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Paul and Samuel Hines	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
1st Sunday 8/3/2025	Nina Mueller Myra Taylor	Barney Wright, Al Ibrahim	Alex Padilla, Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geister	Jim J.
2nd Sunday 8/10/2025	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Padilla, Mark Kuntz	Cindy Kilduff	Jim J.

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

3 rd Sunday 7/20/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4th Sunday 7/27/2025	Renee Mott, Gary & Daisy Minter
1st Sunday 8/3/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard
2nd Sunday 8/10/2025	Snyder, Cuenca, Espinosa, Hines

