

Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)
"The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany"
Sunday, February 9, 2025
Divine Service
9:30 AM

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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 at 10:30 am and Adult Bible Study at 11:00 am
 - Wednesday Bible Studies at 10 am and 7:15 pm in our church offices.
- You may come in person or join us via TEAMS fully interactive.

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 St. 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

I Love to Tell the Story -- Robert A Hobby

Greeting

P They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

G for great is the glory of the LORD.

- Psalm 138:5

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

G **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.

G **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.

G Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn:

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

(sts. 1-4)

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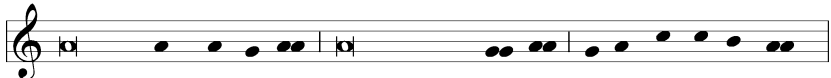
Kyrie



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.



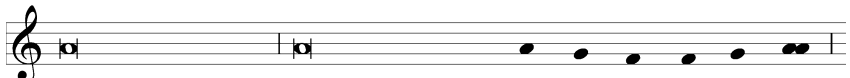
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 5



(chanted responsively between the choir and the congregation)

Choir: They shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,*
for great is the glory | of the LORD.

I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I | sing your praise;

**ALL: I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your | faithfulness,*
for you have exalted above all things your name | and your
word.**

Choir: On the day I called, you | answered me;*
my strength of soul | you increased.

**ALL: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,*
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,**

Choir: and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,*
for great is the glory | of the LORD.

**ALL: For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,*
but the haughty he knows | from afar.**

Choir: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;*
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and
your right hand de- | livers me.

**ALL: The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;*
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work | of your hands.**

**ALL: 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**

Choir: They shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,*
for great is the glory | of the LORD.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying?

¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to

put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

(all stanzas)

Sermon

"Too Sinful to Serve?"

(Luke 5:1-11)

Pastor Mueller

Stand

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to proclaim God's Word, that having learned to believe in God's righteous acts and deeds of salvation from their youth, His people would tell of His might to the next generation so that all may rejoice in the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, especially those called to be fishers of men, that they would not be discouraged when they toil all night and take nothing, but continue to let down their nets at His Word according to that calling, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to let down the nets of the Lord's Word in our daily vocations, trusting that His Son will do His gracious work through poor sinners like us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For wisdom, knowledge and every manifestation of the Holy Spirit, that our words may be measured and intelligible to our fellow Christians and those outside the Church, and our “Amens” uttered confidently in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, the weak and the afflicted, [*especially _____*,] that God would not be far from us nor forsake us, but make haste to help us for Christ’s sake, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that our lips and lives would be cleansed by Christ’s body and blood, and that we would be worthy to stand before Him now and at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ’s perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Choir: *Luther’s Morning Prayer* by Carl Schalk

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Choir: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*
Setting by Paul Christensen

+ Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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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

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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

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

949 Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

(all stanzas)

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

(all stanzas)

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

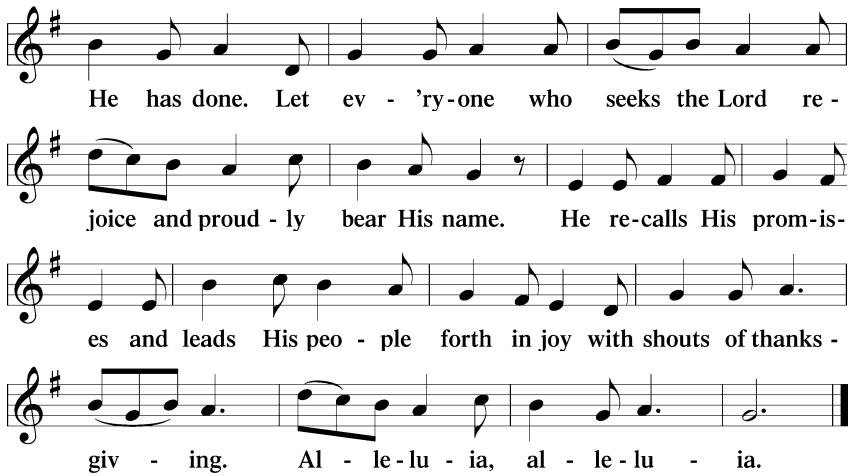
(all stanzas)

Stand

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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



C A - men.

Benediction

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



C A - men.

Postlude

Intermezzo -- Hermann Schroeder

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Announcements

Worship Attendance Form for Members & Guests



Please scan the QR code to fill in an attendance form, or you may sign in on the Ipads located at the Welcome Table.



GUESTS, please sign our guestbook at the entrance table.

Offerings will be collected during the worship service.

Guests, please note that offerings are always voluntary.

Updated Process for Requesting Announcements



We are updating the process for sending out announcements to the congregation and our community. If you would like an announcement created, you can now submit a request to the Office Administrator, Jackie Johnson, using the form at this link or scan the QR code:



<https://forms.office.com/r/Hsgrm6zAup>

You will be able to choose whether you want your announcement in the bulletin, email, website, livestream, and more

Special Announcement

Pastor Espinosa will be traveling from February 7-9. In case of any pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Dargatz at 714-474-3444.

Daily Devotionals for Reading Through the Holy Bible in 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By God's grace, I will share daily devotionals throughout 2025 to help us read through the Bible. You can follow along on:

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

Devotionals will also be sent via email—let me know if you'd like to be added to the list.

Let's rejoice that God strengthens our faith in Christ through His Word in 2025!

In Christ's Service, Pastor Espinosa



Lux et Veritas K-8 Lutheran Classical Academy Update

Lux et Veritas K-8 Lutheran Classical Academy continues preparatory stage to work with LCEF feasibility study in raising funds for the study and conducting groundwork on research for grants and other financial opportunities. In addition, hard work is going into mission and vision formation. The LORD continues to identify for us more people desirous of helping this vision. We are also working closely with the district executive director of schools and our local LCEF representative. Please keep this Great Commission ministry in your prayers for the growth of our congregation and the light of Christ to reach out to many in the Irvine area who may not know the saving Gospel.

In Your Service and To Christ's Glory,
Pastor Espinosa

Special Sermon Series: Spiritual Renewal According to the 12 Minor Prophets

Join us for a powerful six-week sermon series on **Spiritual Renewal** based on the teachings of the 12 Minor Prophets. Each Wednesday night at **7:00 PM**, we will explore how these prophetic voices from the Old Testament call us to deeper renewal in our faith and lives.

Series Schedule:

- **March 5th:** Spiritual Renewal According to *Hosea* and *Joel*
- **March 12th:** Spiritual Renewal According to *Amos* and *Obadiah*
- **March 19th:** Spiritual Renewal According to *Jonah* and *Micah*
- **March 26th:** Spiritual Renewal According to *Nahum* and *Habakkuk*

- **April 2nd:** Spiritual Renewal According to *Zephaniah* and *Haggai*
- **April 9th:** Spiritual Renewal According to *Zechariah* and *Malachi*

Don't miss out on this opportunity to deepen your understanding of Scripture and experience personal spiritual renewal!

Mercy: Love Throughout Life Conference

The conference, hosted by LCMS National Mission, will take place on March 14–15, 2025. All conference sessions will be livestreamed and held at three different locations. Participants can attend in person at one of these locations, or they may watch online. The three in-person locations will focus on the following subject areas:

- **Concordia University, Irvine, Calif.:** Sessions on marriage, life, and the family, hosted at the Concordia – Spectrum Campus.
- **Grace Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.:** Sessions on spiritual care.
- **The International Center, St. Louis, Mo.:** Sessions on advocating, teaching, and caring for human life.

To register, please visit the following link:

bit.ly/MercyLovePSD

The Bulletin Board

Life Quote:

"We may not be trained healers, but we have been trained through our own experiences and God's Word to bring comfort. Be brave, reach out, and know the Lord is by your side. Pray for His guidance in what you say and do so you will bring needed comfort. We have a message of hope!" *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Stewardship Message:

Matthew 17:8 – "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, and speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background.



They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you."

We are Seeking More Volunteers to Serve the Congregation



We are seeking volunteers for ***Ushers, Altar Guild, Welcome Table*** and ***transportation services*** and visiting shut-ins. Please let Mark Kuntz know if you are interested. We need additional volunteers for: ***Livestream, Family Sunday School, Quilting & Fellowship Team.***

Please speak to Pastor Espinosa if you might be able to help with these.

Thank you to all our current, amazing volunteers. You are appreciated!

Opportunities to Study God's Word:

1. "Journey Through the Parables"

NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY! Our "Journey Through the Parables" Bible Study will continue **NEXT SUNDAY** after the worship service and a brief fellowship time with Parable #15. Please consider joining us for this study!



2. Young Adults Group – "Lamplight"

Lamplight is a group of young adults between the ages of 18-23 that aims to study God's Word in an engaging yet traditional format of Vespers! Come join us as we read, sing, and meditate upon His Word. The fun doesn't stop there – join us for fellowship after every meeting and our occasional bonding outings! Lamplight meets every second and fourth Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall at Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Irvine.

For any questions or information, please contact:
Shane Perry at (949) 400-6426 or
shaneperryca@gmail.com or
Instagram: @lamplight_youngadults



3. Wednesday Bible Studies

We will continue our bible study this **Wednesday, February 12th** with Hebrews Chapter 10 part 2 . We will be meeting at 10 am and 7:15 pm in our church offices. You may come in person or join us via TEAMS fully interactive.

4. The Chosen Bible Study Groups

St. Paul's now has two *The Chosen* Bible Study groups that meet once per month. If you are interested in the next meeting, please speak to Pastor.

- Group #1: Upcoming meeting time TBA.
- Group #2: Will be meeting at the church on 2/18 at 5:30pm.

5. Confirmation Class for Youth

Our Confirmation group for youth met at Pastor Espinosa's house on 1/25. We try to meet monthly, depending on the needs of our students' families. If there is a youth in your family who is interested in talking to Pastor more about confirmation, or if you are interested in adult confirmation, please contact office@saintpaulsirvine.com.

6. "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Iron Sharpens Iron is a men's bible study group that meets virtually on a monthly basis. For more information on meeting times and to join the group please contact Jacob Thornblad at Jacobiot1998@gmail.com

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Circle of Friends



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! More comfortable with pen and paper? Paper forms are available on the entrance table.



Words of Evangelism

Ch. 3 - Death and Guilt

From the Evangelism Committee. There are three points you should remember when the opportunity to share the Gospel presents itself. First, death and guilt are universal problems. Second, there are two religions in the world; Christianity and all others. Third, remember the Gospel. Christ has died for you and your sins and gives you eternal life. Let's talk about this first point, death and guilt are universal problems. Concerning guilt, we can ask others if they have upheld their own moral standard. Most people, if they are truly honest with themselves, will acknowledge they have not upheld theirs. Most people will

acknowledge they have guilt. "There is none who does good, not even one." (Ps 53:3) "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." (Rom 3:20) Here, Paul identifies that the Law serves as a mirror that reflects our own sin back to us and makes it plain. With this in mind, there are some great questions you can ask somebody while trying to engage them about Christianity. Have you upheld your own moral standard? Do you feel guilty about something you have done? Do you have regrets? Concerning death, people fear death and grieve at the loss of a loved one. "It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." (Heb 9:27) A great thing to proclaim to somebody to get their attention is to tell them that they are going to die.

Remembering that death and guilt are universal problems and thinking of questions to ask about these points cut through to the heart of the matter. They help cut through the chaff so that you can proclaim the Gospel to those who need it. For the Gospel tells us that Jesus Christ died for our sins so that our sins and regret no longer bring us death but life.

Lord God, we confess before you that we have a heart and flesh problem. Our sin is ever before us and leaves us humbled. We have sinned by not loving you, o God, before all other things and by not loving our neighbor as ourselves. We plea with you, o God, to remember your promises that you gave us through Christ. For the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us our sins. Amen.

❁ **Calling All Women: Interest Check for a Women's Retreat!** ❁

We're excited to explore the possibility of hosting a **St. Paul's Women's Retreat**, and we want to hear from you! This retreat will be a time for spiritual renewal, personal growth, and connecting with fellow women of faith.

Before we move forward with planning, we'd love to gauge interest and see how many women would like to participate. If you're excited about the idea of taking time away to recharge, grow spiritually, and build meaningful connections, please talk to Laura Miller or email the church office at office@saintpaulsirvine.com



**Please pray for our Missionaries
Council Members & Elders**



St. Paul's is helping to support these missionaries with financial gifts to the national synod annually:

- Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad
- Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic
- Erin Mackenzie
- Serving the Lord in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region
- Britt Odemba
- Serving the Lord in Kenya
- Rev. Dr. Tom Park
- Serving the Lord in Taiwan

St. Paul's has formed friendships with these missionaries and are not currently supporting them financially:

- Tirzah Krey, Regional Human Care Coordinator
- Serving the Lord in the Latin America and Caribbean Region
- St. Paul's also supports our local evangelist Rev. Mark Jasa.

Please pray for our Church Leaders:

Our Parish Council members and Elders are so appreciated. Please pray that God grant them strength and bless their ministry to our church:

St. 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
- Mark Kuntz – Presiding Elder
- Renee Mott – Fellowship Director
- Bradley Hustad – Evangelism Director
- Jacob Thornblad – Education Director
- Miles & Jackie Johnson – Youth Director

St. Paul's Elders:

Mark Kuntz (Presiding Elder), Bruce Dannemeyer, Bryan Kilduff, John Church, Jon Steele, Karl Blanke, Michael Padilla, Steve Fischer, Ricky Cuenca, Alex Padilla

SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Team	Ushers/ Greeters	Elders on Duty	Entrance Area	Livestream
<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>
2 nd Sunday 2/9/2025	Mei Kuntz, Elizabeth Brothwell	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	Mike Padilla	Myra Taylor	Shane Perry
3 rd Sunday 2/16/2025	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank and Ed Miller	Mark Kuntz	Myra Taylor	Jon Steele
4 th Sunday 2/23/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, A. Wright	Don and Elizabeth Brothwell	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
1 st Sunday 3/2/2025	Nina Mueller, Myra Taylor	Barney Wright, Miles Johnson	Alex Padilla, Bruce Dannemeyer	Kiu Geisler	Jim J.

FELLOWSHIP ROTATION

2 nd Sunday 2/9/2025	Espinosa's
3 rd Sunday 2/16/2025	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer
4 th Sunday 2/23/2025	Gary & Daisy Minter, Renee Mott
1 st Sunday 3/2/2025	Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard