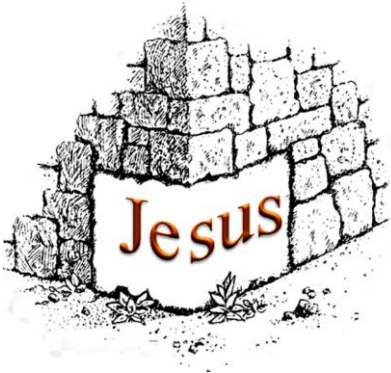


*Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*  
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

***Sunday, May 3, 2026***

Service: 9:30 am & 2:00 pm (*acapella*)



**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.*

**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**

**As stated in Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article VII**

**(The Holy Supper) Paragraph 69:** "For Christians who are of weak faith, diffident, troubled, and heartily terrified because of the greatness and number of their sins, and think that in this their great impurity they are not worthy of this precious treasure and the benefits of Christ, and who feel and lament their weakness of faith, and from their hearts desire that they may serve God with stronger, more joyful faith and pure obedience, they are the truly worthy guests for whom this highly venerable Sacrament [and sacred feast] has been especially instituted and appointed." ***If you are a guest and desire to receive the sacrament. Please speak to one of the pastors before communing.***

### **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.

### **Saint Paul's Staff:**

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

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

Vicar: Miles Johnson

Organist: Gerald Dahlin

Choir Director: Mark Howard

Administrative Coordinator: Jackie Johnson

## **This Week at Saint Paul's:**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3:**

- 9:30 am: Pastor Espinosa – Divine Service, Sermon: "God's Pure and Living Gift to You" (1 Peter 2:2–10)
- 11:00 am: Bible Study: The Names of Christ
- 2:00 pm: Pastor Espinosa – Divine Service, Sermon: "God's Pure and Living Gift to You" (1 Peter 2:2–10)

### **Tuesday, May 5: ·**

- 3:00 pm: Adult Catechesis online: The Holy Sacraments

### **Wednesday, May 6:**

- 9:00 am: Divine Service, Sermon: Luther's "The Freedom of a Christian"
- 10:00 am: Bible Study: Galatians

*\*\*\*\*Note: Pastor in St. Louis for Board for National Mission  
(Wednesday evening – Friday evening)*

### **Thursday, May 7:**

- 6:30 pm: Men's Bible Study on Matthew (Mission Viejo)  
– Vicar Miles

### **Saturday, May 9:**

- 5:30 pm: The Chosen Group #2 (Capistrano Beach)

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10:**

- 9:30 am: Pastor Espinosa – Divine Service, Sermon: "The Heart of the Christian" (1 Peter 3:13–22)
- 11:00 am: Bible Study: The Names of Christ
- 2:00 pm: Pastor Espinosa – Divine Service, Sermon: "The Heart of the Christian" (1 Peter 3:13–22)

**+ In the Name of Jesus +**

## Prelude

*Air from Concerto Grosso 12 – GF Handel*

## Greeting

**P** I will praise the LORD as long | as I live,\*

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

- Psalm 146:2

## 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

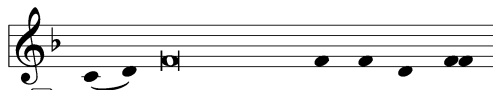
## Entrance Hymn:

## 645 Built on the Rock

(all stanzas)

### Kyrie

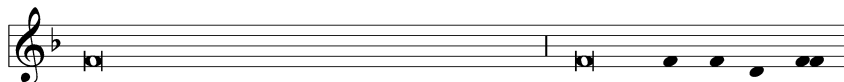
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



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



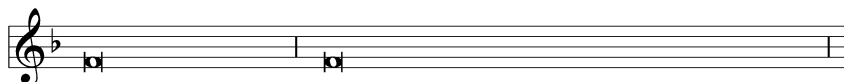
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



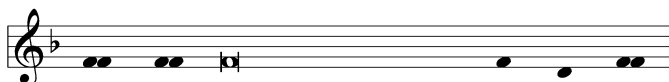
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



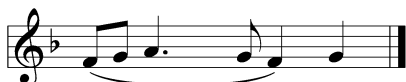
let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

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**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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



Al - le - lu - ia, 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.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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*

## First Reading

*Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60*

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 2*



**P** I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

Praise | the LORD!\*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

**C** I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

**P** Put not your trust in | princes,\*  
in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

**C** When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\*  
on that very day his plans | perish.

**P** Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\*  
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

**C** who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is | in them,\*  
who keeps faith for- | ever;

**P** who executes justice for | the oppressed,\*  
who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C** the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.\*

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the | righteous.**

**P** The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\*  
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

**C** The LORD will reign for- | ever,\*  
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise 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.**

**P** I will praise the LORD as long | as I live,\*  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

## Epistle

1 Peter 2:2–10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer

spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**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, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

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



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

*Sit*

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day:

### 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

*(all stanzas)*

### Sermon

God's Pure and Living Gift to You (1 Peter 2:2-10)

Cantate "Sing Ye" (proclaim!)

Pastor Espinosa

**Introduction:** Peter wrote to God's people: "exiles" (1 Peter 1:1), strangers and sojourners on this earth (1 Peter 1:17; 2:11), persecuted (1 Peter 3:16, 17), threatened (1 Peter 4:12-19), slandered, ridiculed, and suspected of disloyalty to the state (1 Peter 4:14, 16; 4:4; cf. 2:13-17), they know a "fiery ordeal" (1 Peter 4:12) and are finding it "strange" (1 Peter 4:12). This is life in a world fallen to sin.

### **Part I: Response and Prescription: Yearn for Pure Spiritual Milk**

Vs. 2 Like newborn infants, long for.

Vs. 2 To grow up to salvation (and all that comes with it).

Vs. 2 God has given us what is pure in this world.

- We all know that we are longing for something pure in this life

### **Part II: Goal: to Come to Christ**

Vs. 4: This is the way of life for the Christian, it is constant.

Vs. 4: We know our Lord as a living stone. Skip to vs. 7  
"cornerstone"

St. Peter is painting the picture of a spiritual house, a living temple

Christ, who is our Life, is the one we are united too, who completes us

In this house, receiving this milk Christians are incredibly blessed!

- There is a difference between just knowing and really knowing

### **Part III: Status and Identity: A Royal Priesthood**

Vs. 9: What do priests do?

The challenge we have with the term "priest," but keep it biblical

They stand in the middle: this is you, baptized one

Vs. 5: Go back: "you yourselves like living stones"

Vs. 5: Doing what? "to offer spiritual sacrifices"

Vs. 9: That you may proclaim! God's light streams through you!

- In a world with so much fear and pain, this ministry brings light!

*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  $\text{✝}$  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 all God's adopted children in Christ, that they would long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the ministers of the Word, that they may be devoted to their task and to prayer; and for many servants in God's Church, that neither the preaching nor the care of His people may fall into neglect, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For good government; for Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; and all civil servants, that they may honor the holy God, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who have requested our prayers, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that the Father of glory, whose Son declared Himself to be the way, the truth and the life, would give them a sure and steadfast hope in Him who has prepared a place for them where pain and sickness are no more and all things are made new, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church, God's chosen race, royal priesthood and holy nation, that He would preserve us by this Sacrament in true faith as the people of His own possession, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving for Stephen, whom Christ has received into glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith and love in imitation of the Church's first martyr, that we may speak Christ's truth with boldness, forgive those who persecute us, and fall asleep in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** To Him we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Sarabande – JS Bach*

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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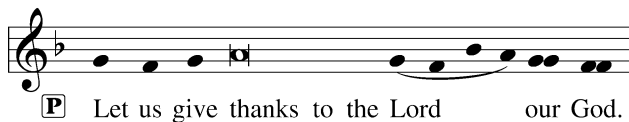
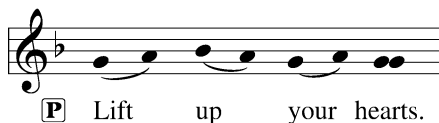
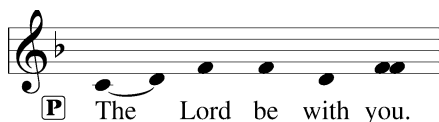


**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**+Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+**

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

## Service of the Sacrament



**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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.

## Lord's Prayer

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

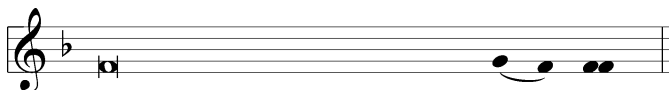
## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

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



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

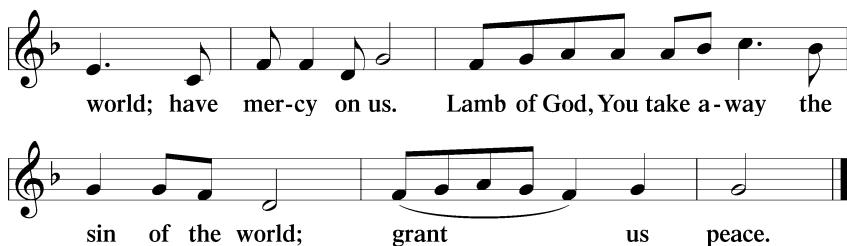
LSB 163



**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



*Sit*

## Distribution

**646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

*(all stanzas)*

**637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

*(all stanzas)*

**660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

*(all stanzas)*

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*



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



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



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



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

## Post-Communion Collect

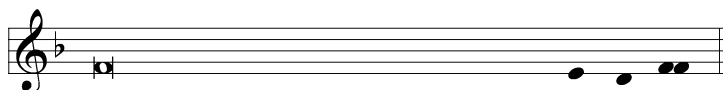
**A** Let us pray.

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



## Benediction

LSB 166



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



## Postlude

*Allegro Maestoso from Water Music – GF Handel*

## ***Farewell and Godspeed Blessings***

Gracie Leininger & The Hines (Paul, Ann-Marie, & Samuel)

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## General Announcements

### 🌸 A Special Announcement for Mother's Day 🌸

Next Sunday, we are honored to celebrate and acknowledge ALL of the women in our congregation.

Every woman in Christ reflects the compassion of God — a love that nurtures, protects, and pours itself out for the children in our congregation and throughout the world. Whether you are a mother in the household, a mother in society, or a mother in the church, your presence among us is a gift and a blessing.

In recognition of the many ways women carry and express the heart of God, we will be honoring every woman with us that Sunday. We look forward to celebrating you — all of you — together.

We hope to see you there. 🌸

### Save the Date: June 29 – July 3

#### Saint Paul's VBS is Back!



Saint Paul's Vacation Bible School (VBS) is returning this summer!

Mark your calendars for June 29 – July 3 at Irvine Regional Park. VBS is a fun, Christ-centered week for children to grow in faith through songs, lessons, crafts, games, and fellowship. We're excited to begin

forming our VBS Leadership Team — and we need volunteers!

***This coming week, watch for an email with more information and a Teams call invitation for those interested in volunteering.***

In the meantime, feel free to reach out to our Head Elder, Mike Padilla, at [head.elder@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:head.elder@saintpaulsirvine.com).

### Summer Schedule Update

Wednesday and Thursday programming will be on hiatus for the summer, including Wednesday services and Bible studies.

VBS will still take place, and plans are underway for men's and women's retreats this fall. More details to come—this is simply to keep everyone informed.



## **New Member Sunday & Extended Fellowship- May 17**

We are delighted to announce that on Sunday, May 17, we will be welcoming into membership those who have completed adult catechesis with Pastor Espinosa. Please join us in celebrating this joyful occasion!

Immediately following the 9:30 AM service, we invite everyone to stay for an Extended Fellowship in honor of our newest members — a special time of food, connection, and community.

This will also be a wonderful opportunity to discover how you can use your unique gifts to serve at Saint Paul's.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

— Galatians 5:22-23

Just as every fruit of the Spirit is needed, every member of the body of Christ has something beautiful to offer. Whatever your gifts, talents, or passions — there is a place for you here, and we would love to help you find it!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of our congregation, we warmly encourage you to reach out and begin that conversation.

**For questions or to learn more, contact: Jackie Johnson (Admin):**

[office@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:office@saintpaulsirvine.com) or Mike Padilla (Presiding Elder):

[head.elder@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:head.elder@saintpaulsirvine.com)

We can't wait to celebrate with you! 🙌

### **Give Online at Saint Paul's**

Support Saint Paul's ministry through our secure giving platform, Amplify. Make a one-time or recurring gift — and designate your giving to VBS, Mercy Team Ministries, etc. Questions? Contact us at [office@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:office@saintpaulsirvine.com)

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Thank you for your continued generosity!



### **SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE**

| <b><u>Date</u></b>                 | <b><u>Altar Team</u></b> | <b><u>Ushers/<br/>Greeter</u></b> | <b><u>Elders on Duty</u></b> | <b><u>Welcome Table</u></b> | <b><u>Live-stream</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Service Team Chairs                | Shared Role              | Mike Padilla                      | Mike Padilla                 | Kiu Geisler                 | Jon Steele                |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b><br>5/3/2026  | Anne Wright              | Al Ibrahim, Barney Wright         | Bruce Dannemeyer             | Anne Wright                 | Jim J.                    |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b><br>5/10/2026 | Elizabeth Brothwell      | Don & Elizabeth Brothwell         | Mike Padilla                 | Cindy Kilduff               | Jim J.                    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>5/17/2026 | Ali Frank, Laura Miller  | Bill Frank, Ed Miller             | Bryan Kilduff                | Kiu Geisler                 | Jon Steele                |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b><br>5/24/2026 | Jeanette Dahlin          | Luke Pierik                       | Jon Steele                   | Cindy Kilduff               | Jon Steele                |

### **FELLOWSHIP ROTATION**

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> - 5/3/2026</b>  | Liana Padilla, Nancy Howard   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> - 5/10/2026</b> | Renee Mott, Ann Ashmon        |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 5/17/2026</b> | Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> - 5/24/2026</b> | Daisy Minter                  |