

*Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Irvine (LCMS)

***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Sunday, August 30, 2026***

**Divine Service @ 9:30 am & 12:30 pm**

**Bible Study @ 11:00 am**

**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

Administrative Coordinator: Jackie Johnson

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# + In the Name of Jesus +

**Prelude**

Rhosemydre – Vaughn Williams

**Greeting**

**P** Your steadfast love is before my eyes,

**C** and I walk in your faithfulness.

*-Psalm 26:3*

## 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

## 837 Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

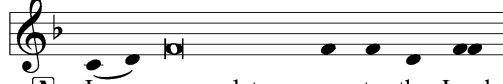
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## Kyrie

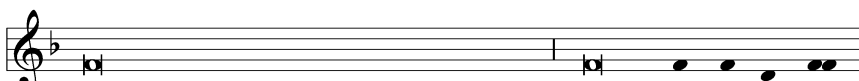
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**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.



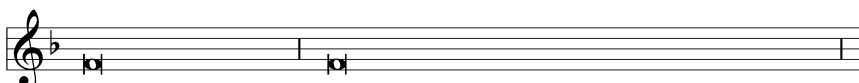
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



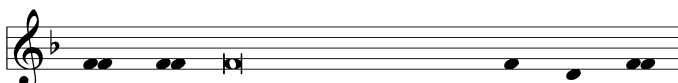
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



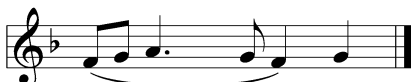
let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the 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.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
 my wound incurable,  
 refusing to be healed?  
 Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
 like waters that fail?  
<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
 "If you return, I will restore you,  
 and you shall stand before me.  
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
 you shall be as my mouth.  
 They shall turn to you,  
 but you shall not turn to them.  
<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
 a fortified wall of bronze;  
 they will fight against you,  
 but they shall not prevail over you,  
 for I am with you  
 to save you and deliver you,  
 declares the LORD.  
<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*



**C** **Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\***  
**for those who fear him lack | nothing!**  
**Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\***  
**but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

## Epistle

*Romans 12:9–21*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.  
<sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the

Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a half note F#4. The second staff continues with a quarter note E4, a half note D4, and a whole note C4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

The musical notation is in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single staff with a C-clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts on a whole note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, and a whole note G3. The lyrics are written below the notes.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

## 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Add more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bid.

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## Sermon

Bearing the Cross  
(Matthew 16:21-28)  
*Pastor Mueller*

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faithfulness, that as recipients of God's grace, we have the strength and courage to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all pastors and missionaries, that they might say with Jeremiah, "Hear the Word of the Lord," and faithfully proclaim that Word to us, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the households of this congregation, that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who make, execute and judge our laws, that their eyes may be turned toward the Lord; and that they would receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and suffering, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all who have requested our prayers,*] that they might have relief from pain and the courage to endure whatever crosses and tribulations the Lord chooses to lay upon them, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who receive the Supper today, that they may faithfully receive it for the forgiveness of sins and be sustained until Christ returns in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those persecuted for the name of Christ, that in communion with all the saints we may bear our crosses faithfully, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**G Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offering

Simple Gifts – David Schelat

*Stand*

## Offertory

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

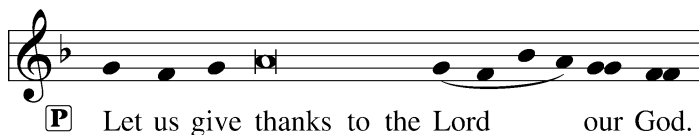
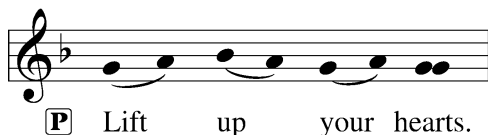
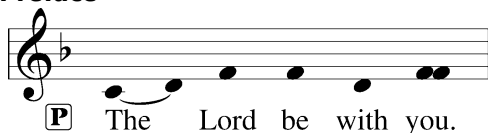
## +Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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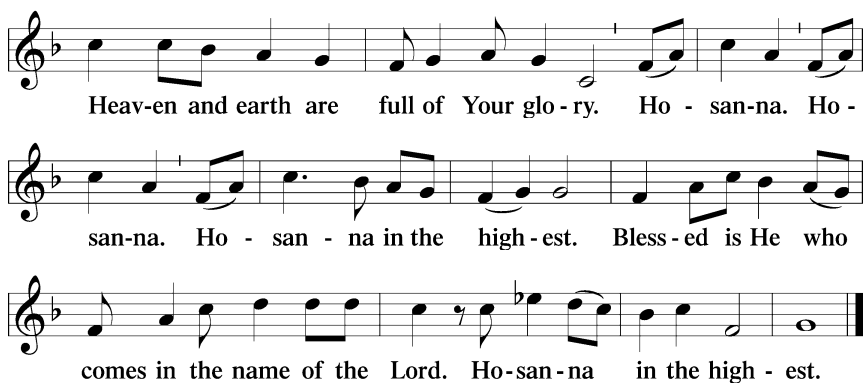


**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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## 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.**

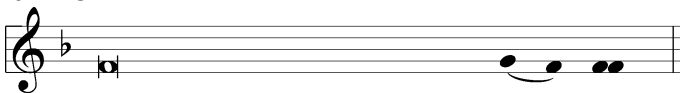
## The Words of Our Lord

**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.



**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



*Sit*

## Distribution

### 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,

Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.

With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

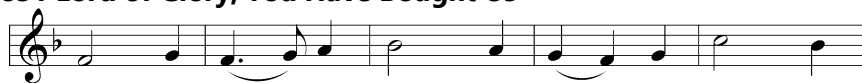
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## 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



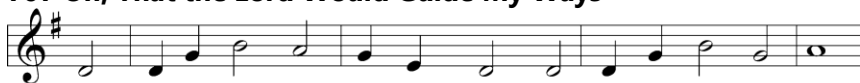
count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—"Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing, To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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**Stand**

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** 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

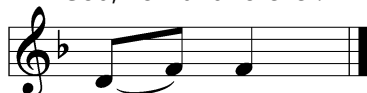


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## 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.



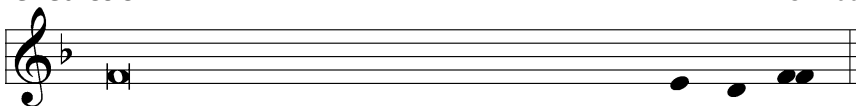
**C** A - men.

## Godspeed & Farewell Blessing

(Barney & Anne Wright)

## 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 ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Postlude

Toccata – D Buxtehude

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### Bible Study This Sunday

Join us this Sunday at 11 a.m. for a special Bible study on "Ten Reasons to Study the Old Testament." This session will help prepare us for our new Sunday Bible Study series on the Old Testament, beginning September 13th. All are welcome!

### SAVE THE DATE – SAINT PAUL'S MEN'S RETREAT

Join us for a weekend centered on God's Word, prayer, fellowship, and encouragement in Christ.



**Date: Friday November 6th through Saturday November 7th**



**Location: The Ranch at Saddleback**

This will be an opportunity for the men of Saint Paul's to step away and spend time together in Christian fellowship, and be strengthened through Scripture, worship, and the promises of Christ.

Please save the date. Additional details and registration information will follow.

### **FLOKTOBERFEST – ELDER-LED FLOCK BIBLE STUDY**

Join us after Divine Service for a special Sunday of God's Word, fellowship, and celebration — our second Elder-led Flock devotional Bible study, followed by Oktoberfest and our Reformation Sunday celebration!



**Sunday, October 25** |  Following Divine Service

- 10:30 AM – Coffee & light snacks
- 11:00–11:45 AM – Floktoberfest Bible Study
- 12:00 PM – Oktoberfest begins

**Note: There will be NO 12:30 PM service this Sunday.**

All are welcome!

### **Join Our Walk for Hope Team: Living Hope**

Saint Paul's has a team walking in the Walk for Hope for Orange County, supporting City of Hope's cancer research and patient care. Our team name, Living Hope, comes from 1 Peter 1:3, and we walk for the members of our church family and community who are facing cancer right now.

**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2026

Location and start time are still to be announced — we'll share those as soon as they're confirmed.

Everyone is welcome — members, family, friends, and neighbors. There is no cost to join the team, and you do not have to donate to walk with us. If you would like to give, our team goal is \$10,000, and any amount helps.

*Check with your employer about matching gifts — many companies match employee donations, doubling your impact at no additional cost to you.*

**Join the team or give:**

[ourhope.cityofhope.org/SPLCLivingHope](http://ourhope.cityofhope.org/SPLCLivingHope)

Questions? Contact Veronica Steele, team captain.

## Fall Programming Update

Programming begins the week of **September 13th**, with Wednesday ministries starting **Wednesday, September 16th**. Questions? Email **[office@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:office@saintpaulsirvine.com)** — monitored regularly, even while Jackie Johnson is on maternity leave beginning 9/1 (office admin will continue to be handled by our volunteer team). To reach the office directly, call **949-805-4774**.

| Day                                        | Weekly Offerings                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>(starting 9/13)</i>    | 9:30 & 12:30 pm — Divine Service<br>11:00 am — Bible Study<br><b>NEW in Sept.</b> — Old Testament Overview Study with Pastor Espinosa                                                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>(starting 9/16)</i> | 9:00 am — Divine Service with Luther on the Psalms<br>10:00 am — Bible Study, in person AND online<br>7:00 pm — Bible Study, online only<br><i>Both Wednesday studies: St. Matthew's Gospel</i> |
| <b>Thursday</b>                            | 6:30 pm — Men's Bible Study, Tad Kaput's home<br><i>St. Matthew's Gospel</i>                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>                            | Monthly — The Chosen study (per group)<br>Monthly — Bible studies at various locations                                                                                                          |

## **New This Fall: Old Testament Overview Study**

Starting in September, Pastor Espinosa leads a new study through the Old Testament. Participants receive his notes binder, a supplemental binder, and a copy of *A Popular Survey of the Old Testament* by Norman L. Geisler — provided at no cost; donations welcome.

## **Sign Up for Wednesday Bible Study**

Sign up via Amplify online, or scan the QR code below:



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