### Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)

The First Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 18, 2024 Divine Services 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Alfonso O. Espinosa, Ph.D. Assistant Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steven P. Mueller, Ph.D.

**Organist: Gerald Dahlin** 

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#### Vision

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

#### Mission

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have command you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

#### **Service Offerings**

Sunday Divine Service at 9:30 am
Fellowship in Café at 10:45 am
Adult Bible Study at 11 am
Individual Confession & Absolution in Sanctuary at 2:30 pm
Sunday Divine Service at 4:00 pm
Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10 am (on hiatus until March 6)
Wednesday Evening Teaching Service at 7 pm

#### 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 forgives you all your sins, gives you eternal life, and abundant life today *all on account of Jesus Christ by grace through faith in Him!* To know Jesus as your Savior is to be delivered from sin, death, and the power of the devil. God is FOR YOU in and through Jesus Christ! Please read Luke 24:47, John 3:16, John 1:29, John 6:51, 1 John 1:7, 1 John 2:2, Matthew 11:28, Romans 11:32, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 10:12, Romans 3:22, and John 6:40.

#### 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.

+ In the Name of Jesus +

**Prelude:**Agnus Dei
-- G Bizet

#### Greeting

- P The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
- **•** AND HE MAKES KNOWN TO THEM HIS COVENANT.

-- Psalm 55:14

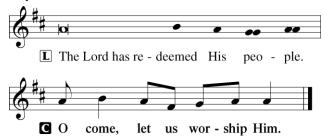
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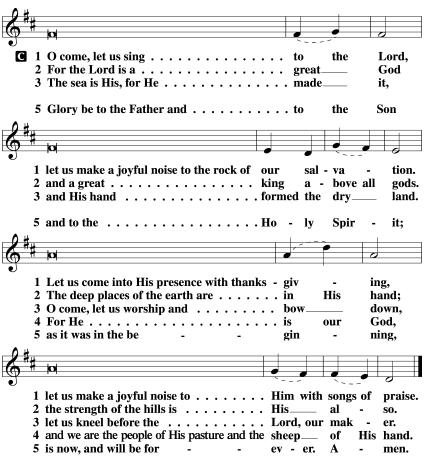


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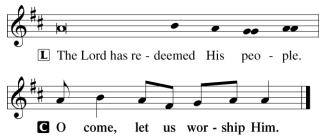
#### **Antiphon**



Venite LSB 220



#### **Antiphon (Lent)**



#### 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



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#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from

heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

- C O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** James 1:12–18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Mark 1:9–15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.



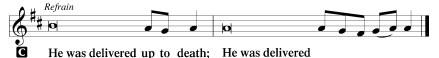
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- 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- 2 Blessed is he whose

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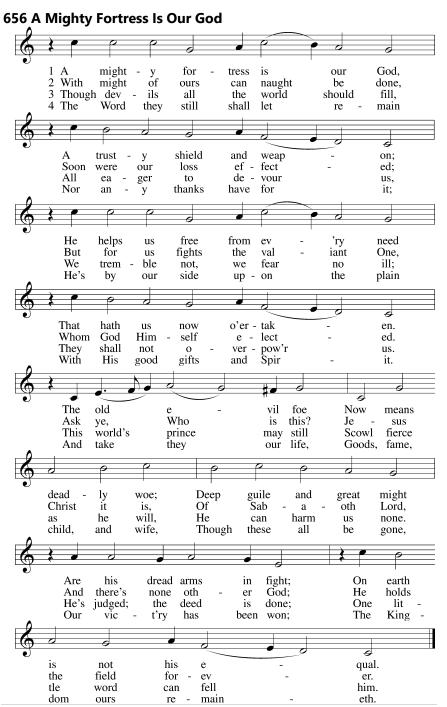
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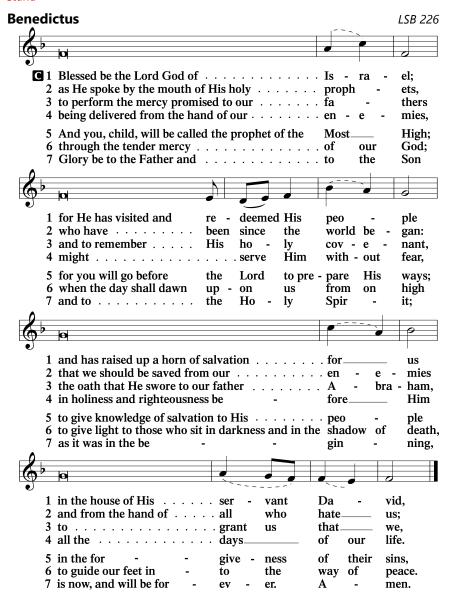
### Children's Message



#### Sermon

## 9:30 am Pastor Mueller – "Tempted or Tested?" 4:00 pm Pastor Jasa

#### Stand



## Prayer

Kyrie LSB 227



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, You placed the wood of the cross on the back of Your only begotten Son, that as the promised offspring of Abraham He might possess the gates of hell. Bless, we pray, His Church and all those called to preach and teach within her. Give them certainty that hell cannot prevail against them, and so embolden them in faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As Your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes down to us from above, keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse Your gifts. Help us use them rightly in service to You and our neighbor. Bless Joseph and all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and those to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- hear our prayer.
- Lord God, the time is fulfilled and Your kingdom is at hand as Your beloved Son comes to us here at the altar. By Your Spirit, grant that we

- receive Him in repentance and believe the Gospel proclaimed in His body given and His blood shed for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

## Announcements + Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

## Corporate Confession and Absolution to Prepare to receive the Body and Blood of The Lord Jesus

[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.]

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- Q Yes.

- In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

#### Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.
- Amen

#### Lord's Prayer

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 → 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."



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#### Distribution

#### 544 O Love, How Deep



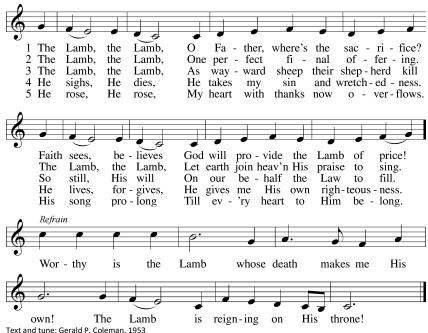
- For us by wickedness betrayed,
   For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
   He bore the shameful cross and death;
   For us He gave His dying breath.
- For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign; For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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#### 547 The Lamb



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#### 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



You faced with us temp - ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe. Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im -parts. Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un-swerv-ing love. Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign. Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

- P Let us pray.
- P 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.

#### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

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- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- 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 Amen.

Postlude: Toccata

-- Dieterich Buxtehude

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## Worship Attendance Form For Members & Guests:

(or you may fill out an <u>attendance card</u> at the entrance table. GUESTS, please sign our <u>questbook</u> at the entrance table.)



**Offerings** may be placed in the box on the entrance table on your way out. (Guests, please note that offerings are always voluntary. We are glad you joined us today!)

## **Education:**

### 11:00am Sunday Adult Bible Class is not meeting today.



#### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

We are meeting during the school year every second and fourth Saturday at 4pm.

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

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD PODCAST

Please check out our latest episode, Season 2, Episode 7 on Atheism. You can access our podcast on YouTube, Apple, Spotify, Amazon, or Audible. This ministry is in transition as we are moving our studio. Please stay tuned for future episodes.

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#### **BUILDING FUND**

## Total Donations through December 31: \$117,406.35 Total Expenditures through December 31: \$66,658.40

In the coming months, many more expenditures will be on the way. These funds will support the installation of stained glass, lighting, ceiling tiles, a new altar, and more. Donations to our building fund are still very much needed and appreciated.

### To donate to our building fund:

**Text** dollar amount to (844) 794-2206 (specify building fund) **Online** at <a href="www.saintpaulsirvine.com/online-giving">www.saintpaulsirvine.com/online-giving</a> (select "Building Fund") Note: Works best with Chrome or Explorer. **Check** (please write "building fund" in the memo) **Cash** (marked envelopes provided on the entrance table



We need additional audio-visual volunteers for our services. Please speak to Jon Steele if you are willing to help.

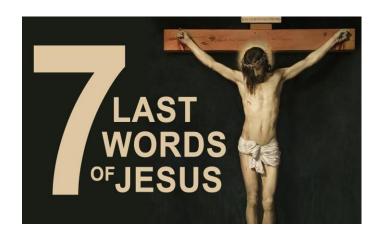


We have a Congregational Meeting on Family Sunday School at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please attend!

Our first Family Sunday School will be on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. We hope to see you there!



## **2024 Lenten Sermon Series**



Feb. 21: Luke 23:43: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Feb 28: John 19:26-27: "Woman, behold, your son!"

"Behold, your mother!"

March 6: Matthew 27:46: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

March 13: John 19:28: "I thirst"

March 20: John 19:30: "It is finished."

Maundy Thursday, March 28: Interlude

Good Friday, March 29: Luke 23:46: "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!"

## Pastor Al is on Sabbatical Feb 5-Mar 5

All our services will continue with the exceptions of our Revelation Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 (back on March 6<sup>th</sup>); Private Confession & Absolution (back on March 10<sup>th</sup>); and Journey Through God's Word (back on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>).

The pastor on-call for EMERGENCIES is Rev. Robert Dargatz who can be contacted at 714-474-3444.

Please keep Pastor Al in your prayers as he will be traveling, writing, and exercising during this time of respite.



We are looking for a few handbell ringers for the Palm Sunday service. Please contact Jerry Dahlin in person or via email at: <a href="mailto:gerald.dahlin@gmail.com">gerald.dahlin@gmail.com</a>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are here to be nourished in Christ's Word and Sacraments to keep our faith strong, but we are also here to share the saving Gospel with others.

Please sponsor one of our new services as an evangelistic offering. Attend them also to help build them for others.

In Your Service & To Christ's Glory,

Pastor A1

## Please pray for our Missionaries...

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

Rev. Dr. John and Melinda Bombaro

Serving the Lord in the Czech Republic • Theological Educator

Erin Mackenzie

Serving the Lord in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region  $\,$ 

Mark Winterstein

Serving the Lord in Germany — Refugee Outreach Missionary

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

Tirzah Krey, Regional Human Care Coordinator Serving the Lord in the Latin America and Caribbean Region Britt Odemba

Serving the Lord in Kenya

Rev. Dr. Tom Park

Serving the Lord in Taiwan

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 - Secretary

Ken Mott - Treasurer

Laura Miller - Financial Secretary

Steve Fischer - Trustee

VACANT - Stewardship

Mark Kuntz – Presiding Elder

Renee Mott - Fellowship Director

Bradley Hustad - Evangelism Director

Kate Panichi – Education Director

Danielle Vergara – Youth Director

<u>St. Paul's Elders:</u> Mark Kuntz (Presiding Elder), Brad Perry, Bruce Dannemeyer, Bryan Kilduff, John Church, Jon Steele, Karl Blanke, Michael Padilla, Steve Fischer

