

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

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

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**Divine Services**

**9:30 AM and 4:00 PM**

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

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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
  - Family Sunday School and 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
- 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. Amen.

+ In the Name of Jesus +

## Greeting

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C** **AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.**

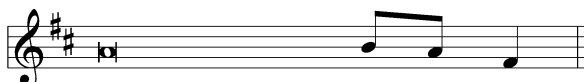
– Psalm 23:6

*Stand*

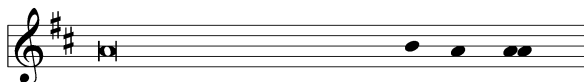
## Opening Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

# Psalmody



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

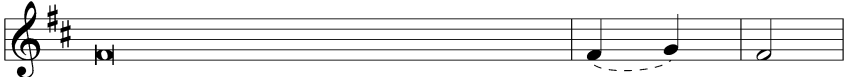


**G** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

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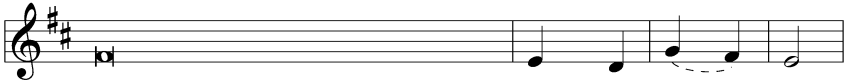
# Venite

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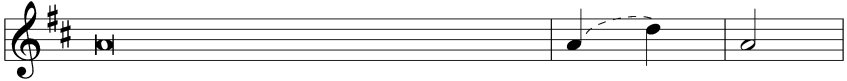
**G** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

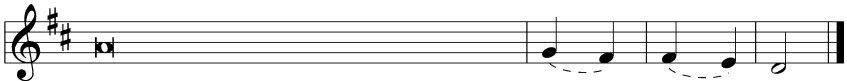


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a-bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al-so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak-er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev-er. A-men.



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**G** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77

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## First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

**L** A reading from Acts, chapter 4.

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

## Second Reading

1 John 3:16–24

**L** A reading from 1 John, chapter 3.

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*



Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands; \*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

## Stand

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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

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

## Responsory (Easter)

*LSB 222*



- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.  
2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.  
3 Glory be to the

Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**G** Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the



hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

## Sermon

"Our Good Shepherd Carries Us"  
(John 10:11-18)  
Pastor Espinosa

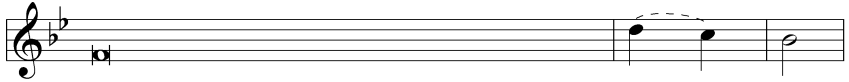


# Canticle

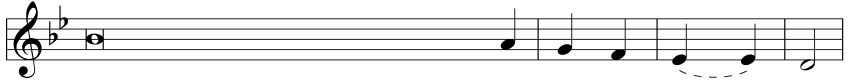
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## Te Deum

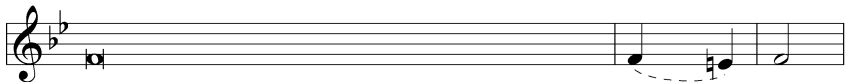
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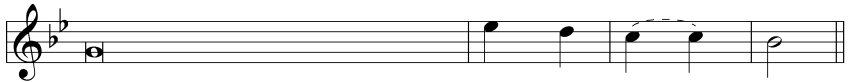
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



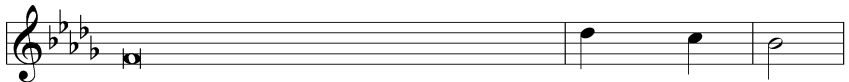
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



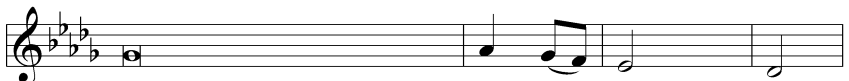
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



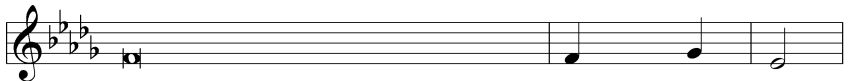
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



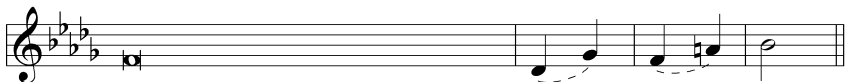
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



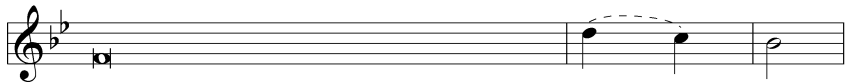
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be — our — judge.



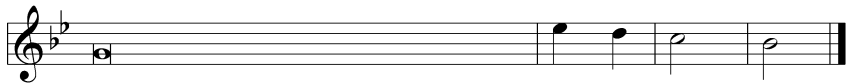
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out \_\_\_\_\_ sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is \_\_\_\_\_ in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be \_\_\_\_\_ con - found - ed.

## Prayer

### Kyrie

LSB 227



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

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **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,

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

**P** 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?

**C** **Yes.**

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 216

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. 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.
- C** **Amen.**

### 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 217*

- 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."

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

# Sanctus

LSB 961

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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# Pax Domini

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

# Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**G** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\mp$  in peace.

**G** **Amen.**

## 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.

Tune: Theütsch kirchen ampt, 1525, Strassburg

Text and tune: Public domain

## 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
of His might All things are just and good and right:  
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; (sts. 1–3, 5); tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.; (st. 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, adapt.

Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615

Text and tune: Public domain



## 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

sts. 1, 3

1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-  
 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-  
 vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face  
 creas- ing; The land shall plen- teous fruit bring forth,  
 To life e- ter- nal guide us, That we His  
 Thy Word is rich in bless- ing. May God the  
 sav- ing health may know, His gra- cious will and plea- sure,  
 Fa- ther, God the Son, And God the Spir- it bless us!  
 And al- so to the na- tions show Christ's rich- es with- out  
 Let all the world praise Him a- lone, Let sol- emn awe pos-  
 mea- sure And un- to God con- vert them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A- men!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: Der Lxvj. Deus Misereatur, 1524, Magdeburg

Text and tune: Public domain

## 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

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

## Benediction

- 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.
- G** **Amen.**

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## Postlude – 9:30am only

Intermezzo  
Herman Schroeder

### Worship Attendance Form For Members & Guests:

(or you may fill out an attendance card at the entrance table. GUESTS, please sign our guestbook 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!)

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*See pages 19-26 for announcements.*



We need additional volunteers for:

- ❖ Livestream
- ❖ Ushering
- ❖ Altar Guild
- ❖ Family Sunday School
- ❖ Fellowship Team
- ❖ Welcome Table

*Please speak to Pastor Espinosa if you might be able to help out and thank you to all of our current amazing volunteers. You are appreciated!*

A circular graphic with a white center and a border of colorful, interlocking human figures in shades of green, purple, red, blue, brown, orange, and yellow. The text inside the circle reads:

**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.**

# LIGHT OF THE WORLD PODCAST

Join us online:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SaintPaulsIrvine](https://www.facebook.com/SaintPaulsIrvine) YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/SaintPaulsIrvine](https://www.youtube.com/SaintPaulsIrvine)



## BUILDING FUND

**Total Donations through March 31: \$122,421.35**

**Total Expenditures through March 31: \$80,298.98**

**Balance in Fund as of March 31: \$42,122.37**

*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 [www.saintpaulsirvine.com/online-giving](https://www.saintpaulsirvine.com/online-giving) (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.

*St. Paul's is proud to offer many opportunities to be nourished by God's Word. Please see below for various offerings in the Word.*



1) **"Journey Through God's Word" Bible Study Series**

This study continues TODAY at 11:00am with JAMES!

2) **Young Adults Group – "Lamplight"**



**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

**We are meeting during the school year every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 4pm at Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Irvine (in their fellowship hall).**

For any questions or information, please contact:

Shane Perry at (949) 400-6426 or

[shaneperryca@gmail.com](mailto:shaneperryca@gmail.com) or Instagram:

@lamplight\_youngadults

3) **Higher Things Conference for High School Youth in July**

Higher Things for high school youth (from current 8th graders to current seniors in high school): Tuesday, July 23rd to Saturday, July 27th. We are flying to Portland! The event is on the campus of Lewis & Clark College. We are taking a group! Pastor Espinosa will be teaching!

4) **The Chosen Bible Study Group**

The Chosen is an amazing presentation of the life of Christ that in 2024 is on Season 4 and has been on the big screen already. Did you know that Pastor Espinosa has been meeting with one of our Bible Study groups to go through each episode? Next month, he meets with the current group to begin Season 2, Episode 1. ***We are now forming a SECOND Small Group to go through The Chosen with Pastor Espinosa! If you are interested -- we will meet one Saturday evening per month -- please speak to Laura Miller or Pastor Espinosa.***

5) **Vacation Bible School – Summer 2024**

VBS will be 9am to 12pm each day Monday, June 10th through Friday, June 14th at Irvine Regional Park. Our theme: "Jesus Loves Me!"

6) **Expository Teaching Service**

Our Expository Teaching Service is back! Every Wednesday night in our sanctuary at 7 pm. This coming Wednesday, April 24th, Pastor Espinosa will present Romans chapter 11.

7) **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10 am in our office classroom. We are going through Revelation, and will start another book of the Bible after this one. Please join us. This study is also on Zoom so that we have both IN-PERSON participants and those who join us online! Please speak to Pastor Espinosa if you would like to join.

8) **Private Confession and Absolution**

Private Confession and Absolution is offered every Sunday at 2:30 pm. The service lasts for about 10 minutes and Pastor Espinosa is available from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the sanctuary. This is a great gift for personal consolation that always imparts God's grace in a direct and personal way as Christians deal with the pangs of guilt, shame, or fear (or whatever else is burdening them).

9) **St. Paul's First Annual Men's Retreat**

We have room for 40 men to register. We take a boat to Catalina Island early evening of Friday, September 6th to Campus by the Sea retreat center. Two nights, all meals covered, some free time, and our study will be "Faith That Shines In the Culture" on living in holy vocation (our calls in life) in Christ and in living faith. The retreat will conclude with Divine Service on Sunday morning, September 8th. Cost is \$240.00 that covers round-trip boat fare, food and lodging. Please speak to Pastor Espinosa or Tad Kaput if you want to sign up!

10) **Family Sunday School**

Family Sunday School is on a roll! Palm Sunday, March 24th Dr. Herb Geisler taught the children about handbells; Easter Sunday, March 31st our puppet ministry team treated our children to a puppet show; on April 7th, Rev. Dan Kistler taught our children some German, and last Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, Renee Mott taught our children some American Sign Language! All of these are designed to teach the faith and about God-given vocations and advocations to His glory. TODAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>, please join us as **Catherine Velaz** will present on **New Testament Greek**. It starts at 10:45 with Pastor Espinosa teaching the sign of the cross and catechism.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS THIS WEEK'S

# SPEAKER

## Spotlight

Meet Catherine Velazquez, a junior at Concordia University Irvine, deeply immersed in the study of biblical languages with aspirations of becoming a professor of New Testament and early Christianity.

With a profound love for the Word of God, Catherine is dedicated to illuminating its beauty to others.

When she's not buried in her college textbooks, you'll find her lost in the melodies of music, both listening and playing, cherishing the warmth of family and friends, or seeking solace and inspiration in nature.

Did you know? Catherine is a talented musician proficient in both the violin and viola. It was the music of composer Anton Bruckner played a pivotal role in her journey to faith.

Join us today as Catherine shares her insights on Greek and its significance in understanding the New Testament!



**CATHERINE VELAZQUEZ**



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL FEATURED TO DATE

# SPEAKERS

## Spotlight



DR. HERB & KIU GEISLER  
HANDBELLS



JON STEELE & PUPPET MINISTRY



PASTOR DAN KISTLER & GERMANY



RENEE MOTT & ASL



CATHERINE VELAZQUEZ & GREEK



*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

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

# SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE

| Date                           | Altar Team                           | Ushers/<br>Greeters             | Elders on<br>Duty                   | Entrance<br>Area           | Livestream        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Service Team<br/>Chairs</i> | <i>Mei Kuntz</i>                     | <i>Mark Kuntz</i>               | <i>Mark Kuntz</i>                   | <i>Laura<br/>Hendricks</i> | <i>Jon Steele</i> |
| Sunday<br>4/21/2024            | Ali Frank,<br>Laura Miller           | Bill Frank, Ed<br>Miller        | Mark Kuntz,<br>Bryan Kilduff        | Cindy Kilduff              | Shane<br>Perry    |
| Sunday<br>4/28/2024            | Jeanette<br>Dahlin, Anne<br>Wright   | Elizabeth &<br>Don<br>Brothwell | John Church,<br>Jon Steele          | Anne Wright                | Jon Steele        |
| Sunday<br>5/5/2024             | Nina Mueller,<br>Myra Taylor         | Alex Padilla                    | Bruce<br>Dannemeyer,<br>Karl Blanke | Kui Geisler                | Jon Steele        |
| Sunday<br>5/12/2024            | Elizabeth<br>Brothwell,<br>Mei Kuntz | Shane &<br>Nathan Perry         | Steve Fischer,<br>Brad Perry        | Laura<br>Hendricks         | Jim J.            |

## Fellowship Rotation

|                                                |                                                                   |                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>4/21/2024            | Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer, Dorothy<br>Zeddies                 |                                                                    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>4/28/2024            | Gary & Daisy Minter, Nancy Howard,<br>Renee Mott, Dorothy Zeddies |                                                                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>5/5/2024             | Liana Padilla, Herb & Kiu Geisler, Dorothy<br>Zeddies             |                                                                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>5/12/2024            | Espinosa's, Dorothy Zeddies                                       |                                                                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>(Next:<br>6/30/2024) | TBD                                                               | Please speak to Renee<br>Mott or Pastor Espinosa if<br>interested. |