

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

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

## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

### **Divine Services**

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

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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 commanded 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** "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

**G** "PRAISE THE LORD!"

– Psalm 150:6

## 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

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

**G** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**G** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en  
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er  
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern  
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,  
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,  
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,  
 har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.  
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.  
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.  
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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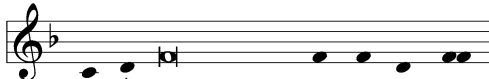
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## Kyrie

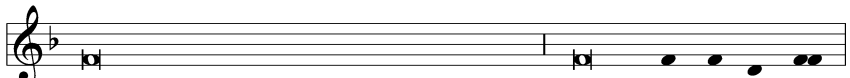
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**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.



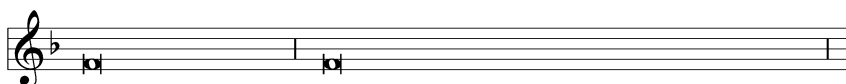
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



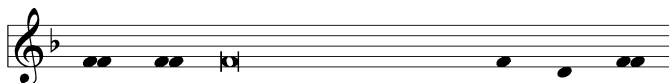
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



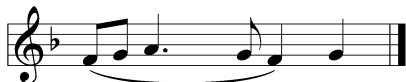
let us pray to the Lord.



**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.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

<sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**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.

## Epistle

*1 John 4:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

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



Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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



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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

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



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

Sit

## Children's Message

## 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

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## Sermon

“Vine, Vinedresser, and Branches”

(John 15:1-8)

Pastor Espinosa

*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

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Offering & Offertory

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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.

## Announcements

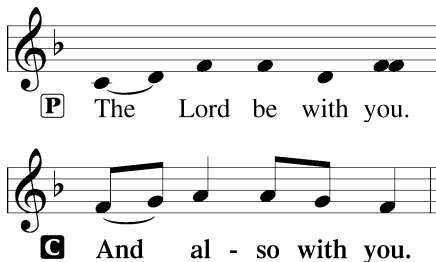
### +Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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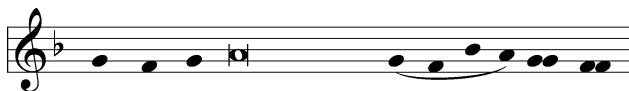
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

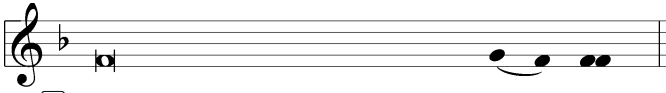
## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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

*Sit*

## 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  $\text{†}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.



## 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way  
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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## 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

- 5 Christ, the way that leads unailing  
 To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father,  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
 There to share Your wedding feast.

- △ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.

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## 808 O Sing to the Lord

sts. 1, 3

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the  
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our  
Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O  
God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And  
sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
blow all the trum-pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164

☐ 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.

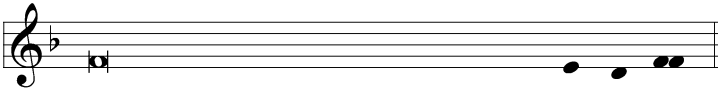
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 166



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



**C** A - men.

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## Postlude (9:30am)

Te Deum Laudamus  
Claussmann

### 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!)



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. 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:

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## 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](http://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.

## Special Event: "What Evangelism & Assimilation Looks Like in 2024"

On **Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>** from **8:30am to 3:00pm**, this special one-day workshop featuring **Rev. Mark Jasa** will be held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 1118 Allen Ave, Pasadena CA 91104.

*Early registration is \$25. On-site registration is \$35.*

If interested, please use the QR Code below to access the agenda and registration forms:



You're invited to Pastor Espinosa's upcoming Taekwondo test tomorrow, Monday, April 29th at 5:30 pm at the Lake Forest Sun and Sail Club located at 24752 Toledo Ln, Lake Forest, CA 92630. The testing is downstairs from the check-in desk. If he passes, he becomes a

2nd-degree black belt assistant instructor.

Sunday, May 5th we will install a new elder, Alex Padilla, in the 9:30 am Divine Service. In addition, we are bidding Godspeed to Brad and Angela Perry who are moving to Northeast Texas. Please come to support our newest elder and to support the Perry's as they prepare for this important transition in their lives.

*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 **1st Peter!**

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 on Romans chapter 12.

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 featured a puppet show; on April 7th, Rev. Dan Kistler taught some German, April 14<sup>th</sup> Renee Mott taught some American Sign Language, and last Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, Catherine Velazquez some Greek! All of these are designed to teach the faith and about God-given vocations and advocations to His glory. TODAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>, please join us as Elizabeth Snyder shares about reptile care to include meeting "Snakey" the corn snake! It starts at 10:45 with Pastor Espinosa teaching the sign of the cross and catechism.

# Are you with **thrivent**®?

We have the opportunity to apply for ministry grants through Thrivent. *We are trying to identify our members who are also members of Thrivent. The more members we have, the better position we are in for Thrivent grants.*

*If you are a member, please inform Pastor Espinosa or Renee Mott. Thank you!*



This Sunday is our last Family Sunday School until Fall. Following this Sunday, Family Sunday School will be on a break during Summer, but we're happy to announce that Sundays in May will offer Pre-VBS Sunday School activities in the café at 10:45am (same time and location as Family Sunday School). We hope to see you in May for "Pre-VBS" and June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> for VBS at Irvine Regional Park from 9am-12pm daily.



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS THIS WEEK'S

# SPEAKER

*Spotlight*

Meet Elizabeth Snyder, a dedicated member of St. Paul's since 2012 and a devoted wife to Andrew for nearly 15 years. As a proud mother of four-year-old Lizzy and the second eldest among Pastor Espinosa's children, family holds a special place in her heart.

Armed with an MA in Clinical Psychology from Biola University, Elizabeth currently lends her expertise to Goodwill's Employment WORKS program, supporting workforce development in Orange County.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Elizabeth finds joy in painting and has a profound love for animals. The Snyder household is currently home to two cats and a corn snake named Snakey.

Join us today for Family Sunday School, where Elizabeth will share insights on basic reptile care, explore the Bible story of the bronze serpent, and guide children in painting their very own wooden snake to take home.



**ELIZABETH SNYDER**



*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 currently 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/ Greeters	Elders on Duty	Entrance Area	Livestream
<i>Service Team Chairs</i>	<i>Mei Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Laura Hendricks</i>	<i>Jon Steele</i>
Sunday 4/28/2024	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Elizabeth & Don Brothwell	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
Sunday 5/5/2024	Nina Mueller, Myra Taylor	Alex Padilla	Bruce Dannemeyer, Karl Blanke	Kui Geisler	Jon Steele
Sunday 5/12/2024	Elizabeth Brothwell, Mei Kuntz	Shane & Nathan Perry	Steve Fischer, Brad Perry	Laura Hendricks	Jim J.
Sunday 5/19/2024	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank, Ed Miller	Mark Kuntz, Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Shane Perry

## Fellowship Rotation

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 4/28/2024	Gary & Daisy Minter, Nancy Howard, Renee Mott, Dorothy Zeddies	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 5/5/2024	Liana Padilla, Herb & Kiu Geisler, Dorothy Zeddies	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 5/12/2024	Espinosa's, Dorothy Zeddies	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 5/19/2024	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer, Dorothy Zeddies	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (Next: 6/30/2024)	TBD	Please speak to Renee Mott or Pastor Espinosa if interested.