

Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 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 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 "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,"

C **"AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE."**

– John 11:25-26

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

sts. 1–4



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joyce, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

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Kyrie

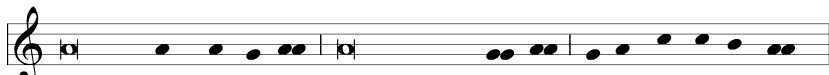
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



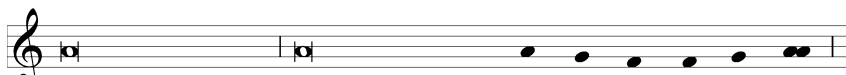
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



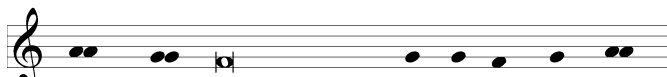
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



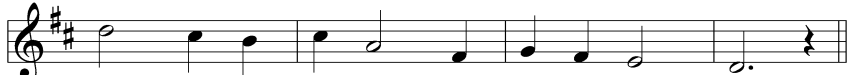
B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 2

(Lector has antiphon + odd verses, congregation has even verses)



L Antiphon ²The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

L ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salva- | tion for him.

C ²The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

L ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation | of our God.

C ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth,*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

L ⁵Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,*
with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

C ⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

L ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;*
the world and those who | dwell in it!

C ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

L ⁹be- | fore the LORD,* for he comes
to | judge the earth.
He will judge the world with | righteousness,*
and the peoples with | equity.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit
As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen”

L Antiphon ²The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

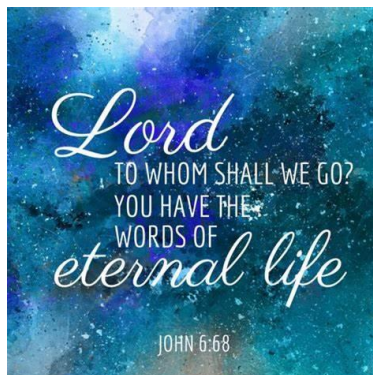
C Thanks be to God.

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.



Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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Sermon

“Friends According to Jesus”

(John 15:9-17)

Pastor Espinosa

Installation of Congregational Elder

Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The pastor addresses the congregation:

- ▣ Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Each elder candidate is named individually:

- ▣ Alex Padilla has been appointed to serve as an elder.

The pastor addresses the elder candidate:

- ▣ You have been chosen to fill a specific office of responsibility at Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church of Irvine. You are to work with the pastor(s), that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God’s house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as an elder in His Church, show yourself, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by elder candidate *Alex Padilla* who has been appointed to serve as an elder of *Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine*. Do you promise to support him in his work, to remember him – along with the other elders -- in your prayers, and to work with him to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C **We do.**

The pastor addresses the elder:

P Brother in Christ, I install you as an elder of *Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine* in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your office that you may be a good and faithful steward to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up this servant for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant

him, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of his tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and a willing heart. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: "Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

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

Announcements

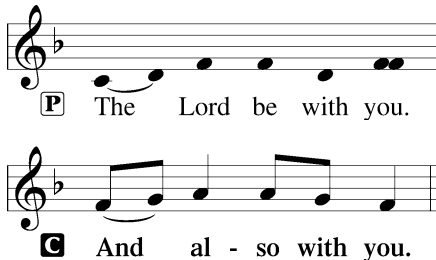
+Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

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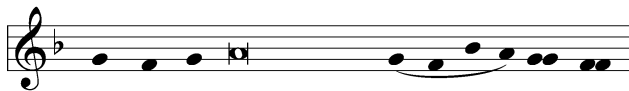
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G 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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G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. 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.

- G** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

- G** **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.**

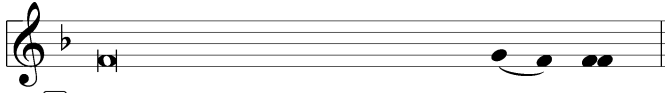
The Words of Our Lord

- 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."

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, 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 † in peace.

C Amen.

829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926

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556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

sts. 5-10



5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -
 6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
 8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -



pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to
 moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
 cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast



all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay
 be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A
 strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
 and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My



bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."
 ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
 where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
 in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.

9 "Now to My Father I depart,
 From earth to heav'n ascending,
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 The Holy Spirit sending;
 In trouble He will comfort you
 And teach you always to be true
 And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
 Guide all your life and teaching;
 So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
 And honored in your preaching.
 But watch lest foes with base alloy
 The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
 This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.
 Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg
 Text and tune: Public domain

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises 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

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

C A - men.

Farewell and Godspeed to Brad & Angela Perry

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism you became *members* of the holy Christian Church, and our Lord's Word and Sacraments have nourished you in this congregation *over a decade*. As we bid you farewell and Godspeed, hear the words of the apostle Paul:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have so faithfully nourished our *brother and sister* with us in the communion of this congregation. Bless, protect, and defend *them* as *they* now depart(s) from us. Preserve *them* in the confession of Your name and in loving service to others. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace and joy. The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

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Postlude (9:30am)

Rondeau

JJ Mouret

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
- ❖ Family Sunday School
- ❖ Ushering
- ❖ Fellowship Team
- ❖ Altar Guild
- ❖ 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:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SaintPaulsIrvine YouTube:

www.youtube.com/SaintPaulsIrvine



The graphic is enclosed in a gold border. On the left is a gold-colored illustration of Jesus on the cross. To the right of the cross, the text "LIGHT OF THE WORLD" is written in a gold, serif font, with "PODCAST" below it in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text are four streaming platform logos: Apple Podcasts (purple), Spotify (green), Amazon Music (blue), and Audible (orange). To the right of these logos is a square QR code. At the bottom of the graphic, it says "ALSO ON YouTube" with the YouTube logo, followed by the URL "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 (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 11th** 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:



We praise God for the installation of new elders: Ricky Cuenca (installed on Sunday, April 14th) and Alex Padilla (installed today at the 9:30 am Divine Service). Thank the Lord!

We also praise God of the fellowship that we have enjoyed with Brad and Angela Perry for the over a decade. We thank them for their faithful service to St. Paul's over the years including Brad serving as an elder and Angela serving as Fellowship Director. We bid Godspeed to Perry's who are moving to Northeast Texas.

You will be missed Brad and Angela!



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 **2nd Peter!**

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



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

We are meeting during the school year every 2nd and 4th 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 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, May 8th, Pastor Espinosa will present on Romans chapter 13.

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/ Pre-VBS**

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 14th Renee Mott taught some American Sign Language, Sunday April 21st, Catherine Velazquez taught some Greek, and last Sunday April 28th Elizabeth Snyder shared about reptiles. All of these are designed to teach the faith and about God-given vocations and advocations to His glory. The month of May will feature special pre-VBS songs, craft, and activities. 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!



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 10th-14th for VBS at Irvine Regional Park from 9am-12pm daily.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Theme: "Jesus Loves You!"

Join us June Monday the 10th through Friday the 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Vacation Bible School!

VBS will include: songs, snacks, games, and crafts; but most importantly the Gospel message that "Jesus Love Me!"



Date & Time:
Monday June 10th – Friday June 14th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Location:
Irvine Regional Park – Pavilion D
1 Irvine Park Rd
Orange, CA 92869

Please invite your neighbors and friends! Hope to see you there!

Registration forms coming soon...

While this ministry is for little children (old enough to enjoy Bible stories, crafts, and run around having fun), we would love older children and teens to come help us out!

If you (or your older children) are interested in volunteering, please let us know at office@saintpaulsirvine.com

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, Alex Padilla

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 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	Anne Wright	Jim J.
Sunday 5/19/2024	Ali Frank, Laura Miller	Bill Frank, Ed Miller	Mark Kuntz, Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Shane Perry
Sunday 5/26/2024	Jeanette Dahlin, Anne Wright	Elizabeth & Don Brothwell	John Church, Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele

Fellowship Rotation

1 st Sunday 5/5/2024	Liana Padilla, Herb & Kiu Geisler, Dorothy Zeddies	
2 nd Sunday 5/12/2024	Espinosa's, Dorothy Zeddies	
3 rd Sunday 5/19/2024	Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer, Dorothy Zeddies	
4 th Sunday 5/26/2024	Gary & Daisy Minter, Nancy Howard, Renee Mott, Dorothy Zeddies	
5 th Sunday (Next: 6/30/2024)	TBD	Please speak to Renee Mott or Pastor Espinosa if interested.